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## EDITORIAL

**T**HIS year has seen the passing of our Chairman of Governors. Ven. E. H. Stenning, M.B.E., M.A., T.D. This very old and valued friend of the school will be sadly missed. The Rev. F. M. Cubbon, Hon.C.F. was elected the new Chairman of the Board of Governors and Mr. A. H. Simcocks, M.H.K. the new Vice-Chairman.

Speech Day was held on Friday, 30th October, 1964 in the presence of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Garvey when Lord Twining, G.C.M.G., M.B.E., a former Director of Labour in Mauritius, Administrator of St. Lucia, Windward Islands; Governor and C. in C. of North Borneo and Tanganyika and a Director of Grindlay's Bank, addressed the school. His visit was of special interest to the Head Girl, Lavinia Garvey, whose godfather he is and to the very many new residents in the Isle of Man who have come from East Africa. A presentation of a silver salver was made at the end of the prize giving to Archdeacon and Mrs. Glass in recognition of the many services rendered in the school by Mr. Glass.

The School year began happily and full of promise for our Zanzibar students but the January 1964 revolt brought sorrow and anxiety to all of them. Despite this disaster, Rebecca George gained exemption from 1st M.B. by passing the G.C.E. examinations at Advanced Level in Chemistry, Physics and Biology and began a medical course at the University of Iowa in September. Nawal Kharusi also passed the qualifying 'A' level examinations and went on to the University of London to read for a degree in Natural Science. Four other Zanzibar girls entered training for S.R.N. in mainland hospitals. Raya Kharusi, the second Zanzibar girl ever to obtain a university degree, and the first to reach honours standard, graduated from Leeds University. Outstanding success of the year was that of Tanya Sansom L.L.B. now at Berkeley University California, U.S.A.

In September 1963 Mrs. Swainson, B.A. replaced Miss Black, teaching History and Mrs. K. Turnbull B.A. took over the teaching of English. Mrs. Bridge came to help with Science teaching when Mrs. Brookfield left during the Summer term 1964. Major J. P. Shimmin left at the end of the Spring Term and was succeeded by Mr. A. E. Leader who was formerly at the R.A.F. Station, Jurby.

Foreign language Tutors for the year were, Fraulein Müller and Fraulein Heide Martin both from Frankfurt; Mlle. Marie France Roguet from Gailord and Signorina Maria Vezzini from Cremona. During the summer term, three French students arrived from Brittany in their father's boat and remained for several weeks to learn English. Christiane Guillot returned to us from France for another Summer term and her swimming and athletic capabilities are better than ever, and she provided a challenge to members of the school teams.

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**Deputy Head Girls :** Katherine Kewley, Susan Ellis.

**Head Boarder :** Mary Preston.

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**Sub-Prefects :** Janet Battersby, Gillian Brown, Jane Callow, Sarah Creer, Brenda Gahan, Rosa Jones, Sandra Kinvig, Jane Lightbody, Elaine Maughan, Janet Moore, Helen Singleton, Diana Tate, Patricia Tutt, Elizabeth Watkin.

**School Games Captain :** Christine Carter.

**Swimming Captain :** Lavinia Garvey.

**House Captains :**

Godred—Maria Kegg.

Lagman—Bruna Bishop.

Magnus—Lavinia Garvey.

Olaf—Susan Heywood.

**Magazine Editor :** Sally Kewley.

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## THE BUCHAN SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 1964-1965

**Chairman :** Mr. A. C. Jones. **Hon. Sec. :** Mrs. P. Turner. **Hon. Treas. :** Mrs. J. E. Crowe. **Hon. Auditor :** Mr. L. J. Kewley.

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**Committee members (Staff) :** Mrs. M. Van Dook, Mrs. R. Parys

**THE** Annual General Meeting was held on 16th October, 1964, when there was a representative attendance of both parents and teachers. The Chair was occupied by Mr. A. C. Jones, who welcomed new and prospective members of the Association.

The Chairman reported another active year, beginning with a military whist and beetle drive in the Autumn term, and a travel talk by Rev. F. M. Cubbon, Chairman of the Board of Governors, the following term. The Annual Scavenger/Treasure Hunt in May was held on a Sunday afternoon this time, and was a very enjoyable afternoon with tea at the Witches Mill.

The Garden Party in June was again the climax of the year's activities. We were indebted to His Excellency Sir Ronald and Lady Garvey for placing Government House grounds at our disposal. There was once again a record profit, both from the afternoon itself and the Tombola which was a complete "sell-out". We offer our sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way for their valued help.

Our committee members have worked well together and again there has been valued help from other parents and members of the Association and full co-operation from the Headmistress and Staff.

There was a record membership of the Association this year, but as the school is increasing in numbers, we would still like to increase our membership and are hoping that this year we will reach an even greater figure.

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Mrs. G. R. Rees-Jones and Miss R. L. Shaw

**T**HE object of the appeal is to raise the sum of £75,000 to provide new buildings and to move the steadily growing school to Westhill.

The appeal, which was launched at the end of June this year, has progressed successfully thanks to the kindness of parents, friends and Old Girls of the school who have given generously by means of donations and annual payments under Covenant. Three coffee mornings have been held in aid of the appeal, which have been most successful. We hope that the appeal will continue to draw nearer its target by further support. At the end of November 1964 the appeal fund is approaching £4,000.

## LOWER IV CONCERT

**T**HE LIV concert, held in the school hall in the Summer term, was in aid of the Westhill Appeal and was performed by the boarders of the L IV. The day girls helped with the stalls and raffles, also held to raise money, as well as making up the actresses and helping with the properties.

The amount raised during the morning was £6 12s. which was sent to the treasurer of the Westhill Appeal Fund.

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## OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

President: Mrs. J. M. Watkin

Vice-Presidents: Miss B. Lewthwaite, Mrs. O. Kelly

Chairman: Mrs. L. J. Kewley

Treasurer: Mrs. N. Davies

Secretary: Mrs. M. Kennaugh

Committee: Mrs. Hawton, Misses H. Kinvig, P. Kennaugh, E. Halsall, V. Pedder and V. Hughes.

**T**HE Annual Dance, 1964, was held at the Arragon Hotel on Friday, January 3rd. It was a great success.

A coffee morning was held in the school hall on Saturday, 21st March.

The Association opened the Westhill Appeal Fund with a gift of £50.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the evening of April 8th at the Witches Mill, Castletown. It was discussed whether it might be held in Douglas in future.

The Old Girls helped the P.T.A. at the Garden Party at Government House in June by holding their annual produce stall.

The Annual Tennis Match against the school was played at the Town Courts on the evening of July 21st, after which the Old Girls entertained the school team and the VI form to supper at the Witches Mill. The school won the match.

The Annual Dance, 1965, was held at the Arragon Hotel on Monday, 4th January.

## SPEECH DAY 1964

**T**HIS year, by kind permission of Mr. Rees-Jones, the Principal, our prize-giving was again held at King William's College. The guest of honour was Lord Twining, G.C.M.G., M.B.E., who presented the prizes. The bouquets and buttonholes were presented by Joanna McHarrie, Henry Pulbrook, Simon Keruish, Alexandra Dearden, Heather Bridge, Shadia Kharusi, Sharon McAleer and Elaine Harper.

The chair was taken by the Rev. F. Cubbon, Mr. H. Simcocks, M.H.K., Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors, proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of the Governors and the Head Girl gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the school.

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF PRINCIPAL

Your Excellency, Lady Garvey, Mr. Chairman, my Lord Twining,  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

**I**T is with a very real pleasure that I welcome Lord Twining who is honouring the school with a second visit. We are sorry that Lady Twining has been prevented by an accident from accompanying him on this occasion. We wish her a speedy recovery before their return to their home in Kenya. Many parents will remember Lord Twining as Governor of Tanganyika, for many former residents of East Africa have come to the Isle of Man to retire. I have received messages of greeting for him from parents who are still in that part of the world. I am sure it must give him pleasure to see that Raya Kharusi, the first girl from Zanzibar to graduate with honours from a British University, appears in our list and to see that three of our Science VIth who have been admitted to University degree courses are from East Africa—Rebecca George, Susan Heywood and Nawal Kharusi.

May I add a tribute to that already paid by the Chairman to the late Archdeacon Stenning who was such a good friend to the school for many years. His kindly presence is missed even more on public occasions, particularly in this hall. The school welcomes the Rev. Cubbon as his successor. His interest in the school is continually shown by his hospitality and gifts and by his genial patronage of all kinds of functions whether run by the Parent Teacher Association, The Old Girls' Association or by the school. The new Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. Simcocks, has a keen personal interest in the school as a parent, and as an old boy!

The goodwill of Governors, parents, staff and old girls is united in support of the Westhill Building Fund Appeal launched at the beginning of the present school year. There are four parents serving on the Appeal Committee (two of them are also Old Girls of the school). This committee was set up by the Board of Governors to launch an effort to raise sufficient funds for the transfer of the whole school to Westhill. The centralisation of administration, boarding and teaching in one area has been a clear and practical aim for a long time, but only the inauguration of the Appeal has really brought us face to face with the urgency of our need and we have begun to realise that it can be done at last, if we are all united in resolution and effort. It is comparatively easy to make do, to wrestle with apparently insurmountable difficulties and to find workable solutions to all problems, if they are not felt to be permanent. It is gratifying to see an approaching end to them. The staff and the school have been heartened and inspired by the fact that our numbers have risen steadily in recent years and that for this and other reasons, every encouragement in our projected move has been given to us by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools whose kindly advice is always readily available. This Appeal will be supported by all who have faith in the future of the school and by all who have benefitted from it in the past. Our most pressing need is for more buildings at Westhill. The economy of centralisation is obvious. Facilities for games and physical education are adequate at present and can be developed and improved later.

We have been extremely fortunate, in view of the continuing shortage of specialist teachers, in avoiding many staff changes for several years, but they were inevitable in the course of time. Miss Shannon, the Senior Mistress, left in July to become Mrs. Coventry and to live in London. She carried out all duties with loyalty and efficiency and everyone wishes her happiness in the future. Mrs. Corrin, who also had been with us for seven years, left at the end of the summer term also. Mrs. Brookfield was prevented from returning this term, and Mrs. Turnbull also left last term. Three of these ladies had been on the staff for seven years and their service to the school is greatly appreciated by all of us. The school is very fortunate in the fact that the teachers who have replaced them have all so easily and quickly become part of the school. Boarding schools for young ladies ninety years ago were run on the principle of sheltering them from life, in opposition to the basic concept of school education which should be a thorough preparation for life. The extra privileges we allow Sixth Formers are never abused and they leave school with a number of skills acquired

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in their spare time in addition to their certificates of education. A preliminary course in Commercial subjects has now been started here for those who wish to enter the world of business; most girls in the Upper VI and several in the Lower VI have already passed the driving test and are qualified motor drivers; they can learn to play golf and to dance and ride in addition to all regular school games and every girl learns to swim competently before leaving school. The girls of Upper VI purchase, prepare and cook their own lunch daily on a rota system and with the supervision and help of Mrs. Thomson, the school caterer. This is an excellent training for students who will later have to fend for themselves in flats and apartments in the present extreme shortage of student residential accommodation.

It will thus be seen that we provide here an education in the widest sense and that is why achievements not only in the academic field, are recognised in our prize list, for everyone is good at something and every talent should be encouraged and developed.

The examination results once again show what can be done by those who make sufficient effort. Several girls reached distinction or merit grades as you will see in your programme. The achievement of girls whose native tongue is not English should be an inspiration to those who did not do as well as they might have done in the July papers, and spur them on to greater efforts in the winter examinations. Every girl in Form Upper VI was successful in obtaining admission to the university or college course she desired to commence; the range of courses of further education undertaken by all school leavers has never been so varied.

In physical education, the very high standard of swimming at the school continues to be maintained and the relay teams as well as individual competitors have done very well in inter-school contests. The swimming club Wednesday meetings continue to be very popular with all ages and swimming is undoubtedly the very best form of exercise for the British climate, as training can be done all the year round.

In other branches of education pursued here, high standards have been reached. The school choir again this year won the Thomas Watterson Cup at the Manx Music Festival and there were many individual successes in singing, speech and drama and pianoforte classes. Suzanne Lawson obtained a place at drama school amid the keenest competition. In this field I had the interesting experience of being invited to serve on the panel got up by the University of London Board, to run their first examination in Spoken English at 'O' Level. Candidates have done well in all ballet and ballroom dancing examinations and many prizes have been won in national and local competitions for art, handwriting and essay writing. Two members of our Lower IV forms will be taking part in quiz competitions on television, representing different parts of the Island. Other activities include those of the Guide Company which is now at full strength and about to produce a Queen's Guide. Several guides are working for the Duke of Edinburgh's awards.

It is hoped that a school party will be organised to visit Germany and Austria at Easter, unless of course, the Sixth form can persuade Dr. Rose to take them to America! An Old Girls' Reunion will take place in London this year, as so many girls are now studying there. News of all old girls is always welcomed by the School Magazine Editor.

We are accustomed to welcoming girls here from all parts of the world: our G.C.E. examinations include many languages including, as well as Latin and Greek, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Swahili and Yoruba. Next year Classical Arabic will be added. Religious freedom provides that all may worship according to their upbringing and traditions. Our list of parents' addresses spans the world from China to South America, including India, Europe and Africa. The school is on an Island, but like Telstar it receives messages from the whole world and its very detachment makes for tolerance, understanding, and sympathy with peoples of all nations.

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Report of the Principal

The Chairman introduces Lord Twining, G.C.M.G., M.B.E.

Address by Lord Twining, G.C.M.G., M.B.E.

Distribution of Prizes and Certificates

Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors, A. H. Simcocks, Esq., M.H.K.

Head Prefect : Lavinia Garvey

School Song

Now Thank We All Our God.

## HONOURS LIST

### Scholarships

Lynda Tanya Sansom, Open Post Graduate Scholarship, Berkeley University, California, U.S.A. and Fulbright Travelling Scholarship.

Ackamma Rebecca George, Open Scholarship to Grinnell University, Iowa, U.S.A.

### Graduation

Anthea Helen Bull (Day 1954-61) School Prefect. Day Scholarship from Murray's Road School. B.A. Honours Class II School of History, University of Liverpool.

Raya Kharusi (Boarder 1959-61) School Prefect. From Zanzibar. B.A. Honours Class II, School of History, University of Leeds, now with Ministry of Education, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Lynda Tanya Sansom (Boarder 1954-61) Head Prefect. Isle of Man Board of Education Boarding Scholarship and Prize winner in International Law; 1st Class Honours LL.B. University of Manchester; Fulbright Award; Open Law Scholarship, Berkeley University, California, U.S.A.

### University & College Entrance

Jennifer Ann Callister (Day 1956-63) Vice-Head Prefect. Day Scholarship from Murray's Road School. Assistant in L.C.C. Home for Deprived Children 1963-4, to Hons. School of Psychology, University of Liverpool.

Bruna Sonia Mestre Bishop (Boarder 1960-64) School Prefect; R.A.F.; Hons. School of Modern Languages, University of Reading.

Ackamma Rebecca George (Boarder 1963-64) from Zanzibar; Open Scholarship to Grinnell College, University of Iowa, U.S.A. for Hons. degree Chemistry (Pre-Medical Course).

Susan Jennifer Heywood (Boarder 1962-64) School Prefect; from the Highlands School, Uganda, to Hons. degree course Economics, University of York.

Maria Josephine Kegg (Boarder 1957-64) School Prefect; Isle of Man Board of Education Scholarship; to B.A. Course, Trinity College, University of Dublin.

Nawal Soud Kharusi (Boarder 1962-64) School Prefect, from Zanzibar; to B.Sc. degree course, School of Zoology, Royal Holloway College, University of London.

Rashida Yusuf (Boarder 1963-64) from Zanzibar; accepted for external B.Sc. degree course, Physics and Mathematics, University of London.

Patricia Mary Williamson (Day 1963-64) School Prefect; to Hons. School of French for B.A. degree, Neville's Cross College, University of Durham.

Christine Althea Carter (Day 1951-64) Head Prefect, 1963-64; London College of Secretaries, Advanced Course.

Susan Margaret Ellis (Day 1953-64) Vice-Head Prefect; Occupational Therapy Centre and Training College, London.

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Jennifer Mary Gibb (Boarder and Day 1954-64) School Prefect; Nightingale School of Nursing, St. Thomas's Hospital, London.

Suzanne Maria Lawson (Day 1954-64) School Prefect; Rose Bruford College of Speech and Drama, Sidcup.

Fatma Msoma (Boarder 1962-64); Student of Agriculture, Government Experimental Farm, Knockaloe. Accepted by Monmouth Agricultural College.

Munira Yahya Alawi (Boarder 1963-64); Accepted for training in Nursing at the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.

Rahima Hafidh Busaidy (Boarder 1962-64); Accepted for training in Nursing at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

Sarah Gillian Creer (Boarder 1961-64); Accepted Women's Royal Naval Service.

Saida Harith Lemki & Salma Harith Lemki (Boarders 1960-64); Accepted for training in Nursing at the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.

Helen Bridget Singleton (Boarder 1958-64) Sub-Prefect; Accepted for training in Nursing at Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Diana Mary Tate (Boarder and Day 1961-64) Sub-Prefect; Accepted for training, Barclays Bank Ltd., City Branch, London.

### **Oxford & Cambridge Schools Examination Board December, 1963 "O" level**

#### **Additional Subjects :**

G. P. K. Brown	English Literature; Music.
S. G. Creer	English Literature.
S. M. Ellis	Scripture.
S. A. Hutchinson	English Literature.
K. M. Kewley	English Language.
N. S. Kharusi	English Language.
S. P. Kinvig	English Literature.
E. J. Lightbody	English Language; English Literature; Geography.
E. Maughan	English Language.
J. Moore	English Language
H. Muller	English Language; English Literature.

### **University of London Schools Examination Board January 1964 "A" level**

A. R. George	Biology; Chemistry; Physics.
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#### **"O" level Additional Subjects :**

J. Battersby	Latin (distinction).
G. P. K. Brown	English Language.
L. Garvey	Latin (distinction).
R. Jones	English Literature; Geography; Physics; Mathematics (distinction).
H. Singleton	Latin (merit).
Elizabeth Watkin	Mathematics (merit); Latin (distinction); German.
H. Muller	English Language.

### **Oxford & Cambridge Schools Examination Board March, 1964**

Use of English	J. Battersby, J. Callow, R. Jones, M. Kegg, M. Preston, H. Singleton.
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#### **June, 1964**

Use of English	B. Bishop.
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### **G.C.E. RESULTS JULY, 1964**

#### **University of London Schools Examination Board, Advanced Level**

S. J. Heywood	Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics.
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#### **Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board, Advanced Level**

P. M. Williamson	Latin; History; French (distinction).
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#### **Oxford & Cambridge Schools Examination Board, Advanced Level**

B. S. M. Bishop	French; German; Italian (distinction).
C. A. Carter	Divinity; English; History (distinction); General Paper.

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M. E. Preston	Latin; German (merit); General Paper (merit); and French "O" Level.

#### University of London Schools Examination Board, Ordinary Level

M. Y. Alawi	Biology.
J. A. N. Bordell	Biology; French; History.
P. A. M. Brownsdon	Biology; Pure Mathematics; Physics.
P. Caithness	French; Latin; English Language.
H. E. Christian	French.
L. Gelling	English Language.
R. K. Jones	English Language.
S. E. Kissack	Biology; Physics.
F. I. Madoc	Biology; English Language with Spoken English (distinction).
F. H. Msoma	Swahili.
M. C. J. A. Nicholls	Biology; French; German; Latin; English Language.
M. A. Rutherford	French (merit); Italian (distinction).
H. B. Singleton	French.
J. M. Stevenson	Art; French; English Language.
S. Sullivan	Biology; Domestic Science (Cookery).
B. E. Topps	Biology; Pure Mathematics.
H. M. Topps	English Language.

#### Oxford & Cambridge Schools Examination Board, Ordinary Level

F. H. Msoma	Mathematics (Additional Subject).
J. Moore	Mathematics (Additional Subject).
J. A. N. Bordell	English Language (merit); English Literature (merit); History (distinction); Geography (merit); French; Biology (merit).
P. A. M. Brownsdon	English Language (merit); Geography (merit); Mathematics; Physics; Biology (merit).
P. Caithness.	Scripture (merit); English Language (distinction); English Literature (merit); History (distinction); French (merit).
H. E. Christian	English Language; French; Mathematics.
R. A. Connal	Scripture (merit); History (merit); Geography.
D. E. Cottier	Scripture; English Literature; History.
J. H. Forrester	English Language (merit).
J. A. W. S. Garvey	Scripture (merit); English Literature; History; Geography.
L. Gelling	English Language; English Literature; Biology.
M. C. Glander	English Language.
M. L. A. Kenworthy	English Literature; History.
S. Kewley	English Language (merit); English Literature (merit); History; Geography; French (merit); Biology.
S. Kissack	English Language; English Literature; Physics; Biology (merit).
J. F. Macpherson	English Language (merit); English Literature; History (merit); Geography; Biology; Art.
F. I. Madoc	Scripture (distinction); English Language (merit); History (merit); Geography (merit); Biology.
M. C. J. A. Nicholls	English Language (merit); English Literature; Latin; French (merit); German (merit); Biology.
M. A. Rutherford	English Language; English Literature; French (merit); Italian (merit).
J. M. Stevenson	English Language; English Literature.
S. Sullivan	Scripture (merit); Geography; Biology.
C. E. Taggart	Scripture.
B. E. Topps	English Language; Geography (merit); French; Mathematics; Physics; Biology (merit).
H. M. Topps	English Language; English Literature; Biology.
Elaine M. Watkins	English Language.

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Upper VI	B. Bishop.
Lower VI	J. Callow (Science), L. Garvey (Arts).
Upper V	J. Bordell and F. Madoc.
Lower V	F. Caithness.
Upper IV	S. Bond.
Middle IV	B. Parkinson.
Lower IV	S. Swainson

### Subject Prizes

Scripture	F. Madoc, Pauline Crellin.
English	P. Caithness, V. Kermode.
French	P. Williamson, B. Parkinson.
Latin	M. Preston, B. Parkinson.
German	M. Preston.
History	C. Carter, C. Gorry.
Geography	S. Bond, A. Lowey.
Science	P. Brownsdon, C. Hammond, C. Blencowe.
Mathematics	B. Topps, M. Moore.
Art	J. Macpherson, C. Blencowe.
Needlework/Craft	J. Bridson.
Music	D. Usher, B. Parkinson and M. Moore.
Italian	B. Bishop and M. Rutherford.

### Special Prizes for Progress given by Mrs. T. E. Brownsdon

J. Souter, J. Peacock, E. Cowell.

### General Knowledge Prizes given by Mrs. H. Kinvig

Senior : M. Rutherford. Junior : A. Christory.

### French Scrap Book

1. L. Sullivan.
2. A. Jackson. A. Christory. M. C. Peach.

### Junior School—Form Prizes

Upper III	A. Chambers and E. Rees-Jones.
Form III	S. Hayward and R. Pulbrook.
Lower III	S. Kerruish.
Form II	H. Pulbrook.

### Progress Prizes given by Mrs. T. E. Brownsdon

Lower III	P. Hill-Venning.
Form II	R. Bottomley.
Form I	A. Kelly.
Kindergarten	J. McHarrie.

### General Knowledge

1. E. Rees-Jones.
2. A. Chambers.
3. C. Casement.

### Diary Prize

Upper III	S. Holt.
Form III	J. Blencowe.

### A Junior Magazine

Upper III	1. A. Simcocks. 2. C. Wilson. 3. S. Holt.
Form III	1. J. Mellor. 2. J. Blencowe.

### Prize for Animal Husbandry

C. Wilson.

### Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Autumn Term, 1963

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Grade I	J. Crowe, C. Gorry (merit).
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Grade V

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**Easter Term, 1964****Pianoforte**

Grade I

C. Casement (merit), A. Chambers (merit), A. Simcocks.

Grade II

E. Rees-Jones (merit), S. Holt, S. Swainson.

Grade V

P. Caithness.

**Summer Term, 1964****Pianoforte**

Grade II

J. Callister (merit).

**Theory**

Grade IV

P. Crellin, A. Kissack, M. Moore.

Grade V

P. Cooney.

**Guildhall School of Music & Drama****Autumn Term, 1963****Speech & Drama**

Preliminary

B. Cuthbert (merit), D. Ennett (merit), N. Parker (Special Honours), I. Souter (merit).

Grade I

P. Dean (merit), A. Jackson (merit), L. Sullivan.

Grade II

K. Attwood (merit), J. Blencowe (merit), J. Brookfield (merit), A. Elliott, A. Lowey (merit), M. C. Peach, S. Swainson (merit).

Grade III

V. Armstrong, C. Blencowe, A. A. Chambers (merit), J. Critchley, F. Eagles, C. Fox, E. Gibson, E. Hawkins, S. Holt (merit), M. Kneen (merit), P. Lane, M. Moore, P. Peacock, E. Rees-Jones (merit), A. Simcocks (merit), S. Whittle.

Grade IV

P. Bishop, R. Busaidy (merit), F. Caithness (merit), M. Casement (merit), A. Clague, P. Cooney (merit), S. Evans, V. Kermode (merit), W. Leach, Salma Lemki (merit), L. McCormick, B. Parkinson, G. Turner (merit), D. Usher (merit).

Grade V

B. Bishop (merit), J. Garvey (merit), J. Lightbody, C. Nicholls, Mary Preston, Elizabeth Watkin.

Grade VII

S. Lawson.

Paper Work

S. Lawson.

Grade VII

**Public Speaking**

Introductory

H. Christian, F. Msoma (merit), C. Nicholls (merit).

Medial

J. Garvey (merit).

**Acting**

Grade VI

M. Casement (merit), J. Singleton (merit).

Grade VIa

B. Bishop (merit), G. Brown, J. Garvey, R. Jones, S. Lawson, Elizabeth Watkin (merit).

**Spring Term, 1964****Speech & Drama**

Grade II

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Grade IVa	P. Cooney, M. Casement, F. Caithness, J. Singleton, G. Turner, D. Usher.
Grade V	M. Winterbottom (merit).
Grade VI	J. Garvey.
Grade VIa	Elizabeth Watkin.

#### **Spoken English & Public Speaking**

Lower	D. Usher.
Advanced	J. Lightbody (merit).

#### **Acting**

Grade VIa	M. Casement, J. Singleton.
Grade VII	J. Lightbody, Elizabeth Watkin.

#### **Royal Academy of Dancing (Miss Hammond)**

##### **Ballet in Education**

Primary	E. Carney (Pass plus), C. Simcocks (Commended), C. Stringer.
Grade I	K. Attwood (Pass plus), J. Blencowe (Pass plus), M. Blakey (Pass plus), A. Chambers, S. Holt (Com- mended), S. Kerruish (Highly commended), E. Rees- Jones (Pass plus), A. Simcocks, Eleanor Stirling (Commended)
Grade II	M. Clague (Commended), C. Crellin (Commended).
Grade IV	J. Garvey (Pass plus), G. Brown.
Grade V	S. Lawson.

#### **I.D.M.A. Ballroom Dancing (Miss Marler)**

##### **Certificates & Bronze Medals**

Latin American	H. Christian, B. Glanz (Commended), S. Kewley (Commended), J. Lightbody (Commended), J. Stevenson (Highly Commended), Elizabeth Watkin, Elaine Watkins (Commended).
Modern Section	P. Peacock.

#### **The Manx Music and Drama Festival, 1964**

SINGING	School Choir, 1st (16 and under) — WATTERSON TROPHY. Senior Choir, 3rd. I. Murray, 1st, Folk Song Class. M. Sillick, 2nd (Girls Solo 14-16).
PIANOFORTE	C. Gorry, 2nd (Girls 14-16).
ELOCUTION	Girls under 12. A. Simcocks, 1st; S. Holt, 2nd; E. Rees-Jones, 3rd. Girls 12-18. M. Winterbottom, 2nd.
RECITATION FROM THE BIBLE	Girls 14-18. J. Lightbody, 2nd; J. Garvey, 3rd. 18 and over. S. Lawson, 1st.
DUOLOGUE	Girls 13-18. J. Lightbody and Elizabeth Watkin, 1st. J. Critchley and C. Tomlinson, 2nd. M. Casement and M. Winterbottom, 3rd.
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SPECIAL MUSIC PRIZE (Presented by Mrs. G. R. Rees-Jones)—C. Gorry.  
LADY DUNDAS CUP for Public Speaking—G. Brown, J. Garvey.  
SENIOR 100 YARDS CUP—J. Lightbody.  
VITRIX LUDORUM—D. Cottier and M. Sillick. Runner-up, J. Sofio.  
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HOUSE CUP—Lagman House.

#### **Brooke Bond National Travel Scholarships and Education Awards 1964**

<b>Handwriting</b>	1st, C. Blencowe.	2nd, S. Holt.
<b>Secondary</b>	1st, J. Blencowe.	2nd, A. Lowey.

#### **Royal Manx Agricultural Show, 1964 Arts and Crafts**

<b>Black &amp; White</b>			
8-11 years	1st, J. Blencowe.		
11-13 years	1st, C. Fox.		
13-15 years	1st, C. Blencowe.		
<b>Script Lettering</b>			
13-15 years	1st, C. Blencowe.		
<b>Handwriting</b>			
8-11 years	1st, J. Blencowe.		
11-13 years	1st, C. Kelly.	2nd, J. Hannah.	
13-15 years	1st, J. Critchley.	2nd, J. Shimmin.	
<b>Painting</b>			
8-10 years	3rd, J. Hodson.		
10-13 years	1st, J. Callister.	2nd, P. Dean.	3rd, F. Cowley.
13-15 years	2nd, J. Singleton.	3rd, A. Clague.	
<b>Colour Poster</b>			
16 years	2nd, J. Macpherson.		

#### **I.O.M. Beekeepers Federation Competitions, November, 1962**

<b>Juniors 9-11 years</b>			
<b>Essay</b>	1st, S. Holt.	2nd, E. Rees-Jones.	
	Highly Commended, J. Blencowe.		
<b>Art</b>	1st, J. Blencowe.	2nd, S. Swainson.	
<b>Handicraft</b>	1st, G. Moynagh.	2nd, J. Blencowe.	3rd, S. Clague.
<b>Seniors 11-15 years</b>			
<b>Art</b>	1st, C. Blencowe (3rd time in succession).		

#### **VALETE**

##### **December, 1963**

Sarah Creer, Elizabeth Kinley, Elaine Maughan, Sandra Hutchinson, Catherine Parker, Ainsley Birtwhistle, Sandra De Woronin, Linzé Glanger, Brian Cuthbert, Miles Arnot, Richard Cuthbert, Martin Walker.

##### **April, 1964**

Rebecca George, Rashida Yusuf, Jennifer Gibb, Paula Bishop, Joanna Kinder, Marianne Roger, Isabelle Roger.

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## **July, 1964**

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## **SALVETE**

### **September, 1963**

Florence Adams, Munira Alawi, Fenella Brew, Jill Bridson, Jane Callister, Christina Casement, Anne Chistory, Madeleine Clague, Elizabeth Cowell, Fenella Cowley, Cecelia Crellin, Shelley Cowley, David Forster, Caroline Giovanelli, Peter Hill-Venning, Janice Hoyle, Joanna Kinder, Joanna McHarrie, Janet Peacock, Christine Roberts, Deborah Roberts, Susan Roberts, Gillian Sheard, Lesley Stephen, Evelyn Stirling, Edwina Stone, Barbara Topps, Hazel Topps, Shirley Walker, Susan Walton, Elizabeth Watson, Richard Watson, Rashida Yusuf, Patricia Williamson, Martin Walker, Sandra De Woronin, Else Brun, Rosalind Pulbrook, Isabelle Roger, Marianne Roger.

### **January, 1964**

Marilyn Brownsdon, Tamsin Ewing, Sara Kerruish, Simon Kerruish, Jane Malcolm, Jane Mellor, Tristan Rowson, Peggy Shelbourne, Zoe Shelbourne, Carolyn Wilson, Mary Winterbottom, Patricia Tutt.

### **May, 1964**

Elizabeth Boyns, Marilyn Glanz, Ann Kennaugh, Rosemary Thoray, Yvette Wilson, Anne George, Soad Kharusi, Charles Coué, Amanda Ewing.

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

### **MUSIC RECITALS**

#### **Michaelmas Term**

The following recitals were attended by Buchan at King William's College and greatly enjoyed.

Saturday, October 5th—Recital given by James Maddocks (violin) and June Mills (Oboe).

Thursday, November 7th—Violincello recital by Florence Hooton.

On Sunday, December 15th, the seniors attended the Carol Services of King William's College.

#### **Easter Term**

Saturday, February 8th—Lecture-Recital: "The Four Guitars" given by Charles Gregory. Mr. Gregory showed everyone the different ways in which guitars of different origin should be played. The electric guitar was of particular interest to the younger generation in the audience.

Friday, March 6th—A recital was given by the Edinburgh Quartet.

Friday, March 20th—King William's College gave a remarkably good performance of 'Hamlet' by William Shakespeare to celebrate the 400th anniversary of his birth. Suzanne Lawson played Ophelia and Julia Garvey the queen's attendant.

#### **Trinity Term**

Saturday, July 25th—End of Term Concert: King William's College.

#### **Buchan Recital**

On Saturday, May 9th, Iris Loveridge gave a pianoforte recital to members of the school in the school hall. It was greatly enjoyed. Miss Loveridge played works of Schickhart, Beethoven, Debussy, Falla and Chopin.

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## FILMS AT WESTHILL

In the Autumn Term we were lucky enough to be shown a number of films at Westhill. These were mostly shown on Saturday evenings and daygirls as well as boarders were encouraged to attend.

Saturday, 9th October—"Whistle Down the Wind".

Saturday, 26th October—"The Red Shoes".

Saturday, 16th November—"Nearly a Nasty Accident".

Saturday, 23rd November—"Romanoff and Juliet".

Saturday, 7th December—"The Littlest Outlaw".

Saturday, 18th January—"Lady and the Tramp".

Saturday, 25th January—"Flower Drum Song".

Friday, 31st January—"20,000 Leagues under the Sea".

## PLAYS AT THE GAIETY THEATRE

Saturday, 8th March ... .. "Call Me Madam"

Saturday, 30th November ... "Brush with a Body"

Thursday, 7th May ... "The Amorous Prawn"

These plays were attended by the school during the past year.

S.K., UV.

## P.T.A. GARDEN PARTY, 1964

**T**HE annual Garden Party was held on Saturday, 27th June, in the grounds of Government House. It was once again a great success although the weather only just kept fine. Buying and selling stopped briefly while a dancing display was given by pupils of Miss Margaret Hammond's ballet classes. Two very entertaining items were an excerpt from "Alice in Wonderland" and a mime of "Sur le Pont d'Avignon". The costumes were superb, and the dancing excellent.

The stalls did very good trade and the "wheel of fortune" was popular.

In addition to the stalls there was on exhibition the plan for the new school to be built at Westhill, and information about the Westhill Appeal Fund was available, both in the form of literature and of advice from the members of the Appeal Committee. The greater part of the total sum of money raised at the Garden Party was donated to the Appeal Fund.

The prizes for the raffles and tombola were very kindly presented by Lady Garvey. A large number of these were won by members of the school this year.

S.K., UV

## AN IMPROMPTU SPEECH

**I**N June, Mr. Santhouse, of General Motors, Stockholm, very kindly spoke to the Senior school about the delivery of impromptu speeches. He had just completed a course in America on this subject. He indicated the importance of movement while speaking, using the whole of the floor space available, and of the art of arousing the interest of an audience by making them feel that you are genuinely interested. This speech was impromptu, and by it Mr. Santhouse proved the success of his course!

S.K., UV

## THE HANSARD SOCIETY

**M**R. SHAW, of the Hansard Society, came to speak to the school on Saturday, 2nd May. His subject was the differences between the Democratic systems of the United States and Great Britain. He is a very interesting speaker, and because of the tremendous amount of knowledge he possesses must have such a broad subject difficult to speak on for such a short time.

Many people, before they heard him speak, did not realise what a fascinating subject politics can be. It was particularly interesting to hear an American's unbiased opinion of our democratic system.

He was such a popular speaker that the VI form have asked that he might return to speak to them on another, rather more specialised subject.

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THE Vith form, on Friday, 17th July, by courtesy of Mr. Charles Potter, visited the I.O.M. Pottery and were shown the various processes in the making of all kinds of articles, from simple ashtrays to gilt tea and coffee services. Patricia Tutt tried her hand at decorating a posy bowl.

Afterwards, Miss R. L. Shaw and Miss Shaw held a splendid tea party for all thirty or so of us, together with tutors, Miss Shannon and Mrs. Watkin, at their house in Ramsey. Lady Sugden, Mrs. Madoc and Mr. Potter took tea with us and we all enjoyed the sunshine in the lovely garden. It was a happy memory for those leaving school.

## COMMONWEALTH YOUTH CONFERENCE

ON Saturday, 10th May, representatives of the senior school attended the annual Commonwealth Youth Service at St. John's Church. Also, the newly-formed 4th Buchan Guide Company attended and took part in the ceremony of dedicating the flag. We were very proud of them as this was the first time that they had appeared as a company separate from the 3rd Castletown Company.

F.M. and S.K., UV

## EXHIBITION OF MODERN PAINTING AND SCULPTURE BY BRYAN KNEALE

TOWARDS the end of the Easter term, the whole school visited the Exhibition of Modern Painting and Sculpture by Bryan Kneale at the Manx Museum. This was the first of a series of exhibitions by Manx artists provided for by the Archibald Knox Trust. There were some very unusual examples of sculpture in metal, which had been brought over especially for the exhibition as well as oil paintings. It was especially interesting to people of the Isle of Man because the artist draws much of his inspiration from the Island.

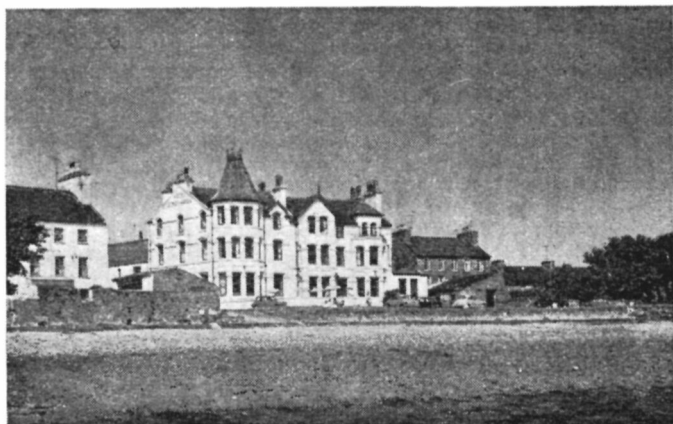
At the time of publication of this Magazine there is an exhibition of his sculpture at the Redfern Gallery in Cork Street, London, which has aroused great interest and much praise from the critics who agree that Bryan Kneale's work continues to show the integrity of his artistic purpose. We hope that we shall again have the opportunity of seeing another exhibition of his work.

F.M. and S.K., UV

## ATHLETIC SPORTS FINALS THURSDAY, 14th MAY, 1964

### RESULTS

- I : Junior Flat Race—30 yards (5 & 6 yr. olds) 1, John Stringer; 2, Carole Hunt; 3, Simon Kerruish. 50 yards (7-9 yr. olds) 1, Richard Hunt; 2, Deborah Roberts; 3, Ian Souter. 80 yards (10 yr. olds) 1, Elizabeth Rees-Jones; 2, Christina Casement; 3, Fiona Macpherson. 80 yards (9 yr. olds) 1, John Faragher; 2, Nicola Parker; 3, Jane Hodson. 80 yards (11 yr. olds); 1, Geraldine Moynagh; 2, Paul Stringer; 3, Martha Blakey.
- II : Junior 100 yards—1, Shirley Moon (G); 2, Ann Christory (L); 3, Pauline Crellin (M).
- III : Junior Long Jump—1, Geraldine Moynagh (M); 2, Elizabeth Rees-Jones (G); 3, Christina Casement (G).
- IV : Middle 100 yards—1, Jacqueline Sofio (M); 2, Margaret Sillick (M); 3, Fiona Caithness (L).
- V : Discus (Senior)—1, Jane Lightbody (G); 2, Susan Sullivan (O); 3, Susan Ellis (L).
- VI : Junior High Jump—1, Alex Jackson (G); 2, Elizabeth Cowell (O); 3, Valerie Kermod (G).
- VII : Senior 100 yards—1, Jane Lightbody (G); 2, Daphne Cottier (O); 3, Jane Stevenson (L).
- VIII : Middle 150 yards—1, Margaret Sillick (M); 2, Fiona Caithness (L); 3, Dehra Patrick (G).
- IX : Senior Triple Jump—1, Jane Bordell (G) and Christine Taggart (L); 3, Jane Macpherson (L).



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- X : Javelin (Senior)—1, Jane Stevenson (L); 2, Daphne Cottier (O); 3, S. Lemki (M).
- XI : Middle Long Jump—1, Fenella Madoc (O); 2, Margaret Sillick (M); 3, Maureen Casement (O).
- XII : Senior 150 yards—1, Jane Lightbody (C); 2, Gillian Brown (M); 3, Jane Kirkpatrick (L).
- XIII : Junior Relay—1, Godred; 2, Lagman; 3, Olaf.
- XIV : Middle Relay—1, Magnus; 2, Olaf; 3, Lagman.
- XV : Senior Relay—1, Olaf; 2, Lagman; 3, Godred.
- XVI : Middle Triple Jump—1, Jacqueline Sofio (M); 2, Margaret Sillick (M); 3, Deirdre Usher (G).
- XVII : Junior Triple Jump—1, Alex Jackson (G); 2, Lynne Verdon (M); 3, Elizabeth Cowell (O).
- XVIII : Senior Long Jump—1, Jane Bordell (G); 2, Daphne Cottier (O); 3, Christine Taggart (L).
- XIX : Junior Long Jump—1, Pauline Crellin (M); 2, Valerie Kermod (G); 3, Lynne Verdon (M).
- XX : Middle Cricket Ball Throw—1, Wendy Leach (L); 2, Mary Faragher (L); 3, Lynne Buchan (O).
- XXI : Junior Rounders Ball Throw—1, Lynne Verdon (M); 2, Valerie Armstrong (M); 3, Anne-Marie Welch (L).
- XXII : Middle High Jump—1, Jacqueline Sofio (M); 2, Dehra Patrick (G); 3, Maureen Casement (O).
- XXIII : Senior High Jump—1, Susan Livsey (M); 2, Daphne Cottier (O); 3, Susan Sullivan (O).

#### Games Colours Obtained in 1963-64

#### Hockey

Jane Bordell; Christine Carter (Captain); Helen Singleton; Jane Cubbon.

#### Tennis

Susan Heywood (Captain); Helen Singleton; Sandra Kinvig; Maria Kegg.

### RESULTS OF SWIMMING SPORTS

#### WEDNESDAY, 22nd JULY, 1964

- I : Junior School Breast Stroke—1, E. Rees-Jones; 2, S. Clague; 3, A. Simcocks.
- II : Junior Breast Stroke—1, A. Jackson; 2, E. Cowell; 3, P. Crellin.
- III : Middle Breast Stroke—1, F. Caithness; 2, J. Sofio; 3, D. Usher.
- IV : Senior Breast Stroke—1, S. Roberts; 2, C. Guillot; 3, L. Garvey.
- V : Beginners Width (Junior School)—1, K. Attwood; 2, J. Blencowe; 3, C. Casement.
- VI : Beginners Width (Juniors)—1, C. Gorry; 2, L. Stephen; 3, J. Peacock.
- VII : Junior School Back Crawl—1, M. Blakey; 2, D. Roberts and C. Gordon.
- VIII : Junior Back Crawl—1, A. Jackson; 2, E. Cowell; 3, C. Roberts.
- IX : Middle Back Crawl—1, F. Caithness; 2, J. Sofio; 3, F. Madoc.
- X : Senior Back Crawl—1, P. Caithness; 2, S. Heywood; 3, S. Roberts.
- XI : Beginners Dive (Juniors)—1, V. Armstrong; 2, C. Kelly and P. Dean.
- XII : Junior School Diving—1, D. Roberts; 2, Eleanor Stirling; 3, Evelyn Stirling.
- XIII : Junior Diving—1, C. Roberts; 2, E. Cowell; 3, F. Cowley, A. Jackson.
- XIV : Middle Diving—1, J. Sofio; 2, M. Casement; 3, E. Gibson.
- XV : Senior Diving—1, C. Taggart; 2, P. Tutt; 3, J. Garvey, S. Evans, J. Macpherson.
- XVI : Junior School Crawl—1, D. Roberts; 2, J. Mellor; 3, M. Blakey.
- XVII : Junior Crawl—1, E. Cowell; 2, A. Jackson; 3, C. Roberts.
- XVIII : Middle Crawl—1, F. Caithness; 2, J. Sofio; 3, F. Madoc.
- XIX : Senior Crawl—1, C. Guillot; 2, P. Caithness; 3, S. Roberts.
- XX : Plunge (Junior)—1, S. Swainson; 2, C. Kelly and C. Hammonds.
- XXI : Plunge (Middle)—1, F. Caithness; 2, M. Casement; 3, E. Gibson.
- XXII : Plunge (Senior)—1, P. Tutt; 2, E. Stone; 3, C. Taggart.
- XXIII : Junior Relay—1, Godred; 2, Magnus; 3, Olaf.
- XXIV : Open Relay—1, Lagman; 2, Olaf; 3, Magnus.

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## SWIMMING NOTES

**THIS** has been a very successful year. Once again we entered the Isle of Man Swimming Championships held in Douglas in November, and did extremely well. Fiona Caithness won the J. D. Johnson Cup and became the Junior Champion of the Isle of Man. The C. Wallace Cup was won by the relay team.

During the Easter term the swimming team competed against the Douglas High School and the Ramsey Grammar School for Girls at Ballakermeen baths, this time we were able to beat Douglas.

Now that the baths have been completed at K.W.C. the Swimming Club are able to use them on Wednesday afternoons for training.

We hope to have as successful a record next year.

L.G., L VI Captain of Swimming

## TENNIS NOTES

**THE** summer term saw the beginning of another tennis season, which on the whole proved to be successful. Two matches were played against other schools on the Island and although we lost both to Douglas High School and Ramsey Grammar School, the first six only lost by nine games.

The school teams were as follows. *First VI*: Helen Singleton and Sandra Kinvig, Maria Kegg and Susan Heywood, Christine Carter and Susan Ellis. *Second VI*: Barbara and Hazel Topps, Bruna Bishop and Katherine Kewley, Jane Cubbon and Daphne Cottier, with Jane Bordell as reserve. (The order of players altered slightly after the first match.)

The O.G.A. played the sixth form leavers one evening and were kind enough to invite both Sixth forms to supper at the Witches Mill afterwards. The match resulted in a victory for the school leavers.

The Firth Cup was won this year by H. Topps and the runner-up was S. Kinvig.

The Doubles Tournament was won by H. Singleton and S. Kinvig, the runners-up were B. and H. Topps.

School Tennis colours were awarded to M. Kegg, S. Heywood, S. Kinvig and H. Singleton.

S.K., L VI Tennis Captain

## SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

**THE** Shakespeare Competition was held at the end of the Summer term as usual.

There were entries from every form except UV and UVI who were busy with exams. We were very lucky in having Miss Moore to be our adjudicator and her talk at the end was full of interesting and helpful advice.

There were four scenes from the three forms in the Senior class and three scenes from the two forms in the Junior class.

The winning scene in the Senior class was UIV's production of Macbeth Act I, Scene VIII with Deidre Usher as Macbeth and Gillian Turner as Macduff.

L VI came second with a scene from The Taming of the Shrew, Act II, Scene 11, with Elizabeth Watkin and Gillian Brown.

Placed third was UV's Macbeth, Act I, Scene I, Jacqueline Sofio, Wendy Leach and Elizabeth Cowell.

Fourth came LV's production of Henry V, with Fiona Caithness, Susan Evans, Maureen Casement and Jacqueline Singleton.

The winning scene in the Junior class was a scene from A Midsummer Night's Dream, acted by L IV.

Second was Middle Four's production of The Tempest, and third was another scene presented by M IV, again from The Tempest.

The Senior Cup was won by Elizabeth Watkin; runner-up was Gillian Brown. The Junior Cup was won by Jane Hannah; runner-up, Madeleine Clague.

Very highly commended were Deidre Usher, Jacqueline Sofio, Wendy Leach, and Elizabeth Cowell. Highly commended were Madeleine Clague, Maureen Casement, Gillian Turner, and Barbara Parkinson. Commended were Fenella Cowley, Paula Dean, Suzanna Swainson, Valerie Kermodé, and Ann Lowey.

E.W., L VI

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## THE MANX MUSIC AND DRAMA FESTIVAL

**THIS** year we have again had numerous successes in the Manx Music and Drama Festival, which was held in the Villa Marina in Douglas at the end of April and the beginning of May. We entered almost every class. This was brave, as it meant we had to rehearse through the holidays! Gathering members for practice in holiday time is most difficult with one choir of 25 people and another of 30. Also it was even more difficult to rehearse duets and duologues, as many girls were away for the holidays. However, our pains were far from fruitless as our results, which are printed in the Speech Day programme show, and we thank Miss Moore and Mrs. Corrin for all the extra work they had to do during the vacation. E.W., LVI

## TRAMP CLUB, 1963-1964

President: Mrs. Platt.

Secretary: Elizabeth Gibson

Treasurer: Patricia Peacock

**DURING** the past year there have been a great many new members who are very welcome. We have been very lucky with the weather as only one tramp had to be cancelled; and instead of it the trampers went for a coach trip around the Island.

The tramps have been all over the Island and although some people seemed to get lost they always turned up in time for the meal afterwards. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed all our excursions.

E.G., UIV

## THE 4th BUCHAN SCHOOL GUIDE COMPANY

**OUR** Guide Company has just celebrated its first anniversary at the end of a happy and eventful year under the leadership of our Captain, Mrs. Parkinson of King William's College, and our Lieutenant, Mrs. Curphey. There are twenty guides in the company including our Company Leader, Maureen Casement, who is on the verge of becoming a Queen's Guide. The company is split into four patrols named Hawthorn, Snowdrop, Pimpernel, and Daffodil. The Patrol Leaders are Jacqueline Sofio, Wendy Leach, Elizabeth Gibson, and Amber Kaighin. Girls who were Brownies or Guides before they came to the school have joined and there are many juniors who want to join.

This year there have been many camps, camp fires, and invitations to other Guide companies and Training Centres. One of our Guides recently went as Isle of Man representative to Manchester to a Training Centre there. Most of the Guides who joined at the beginning, have passed their Second Class and are working for their First Class. A few have also collected a few badges "en route".

We all hope that the Guide Company will continue to thrive in this way, and as recruits keep coming in there is no reason why it should not, especially with all the help that Mrs. Watkin and the District Commissioner give us. All the Guides would also like to thank the Captain and Lieutenant for all their enthusiasm, help and time which have made our Company so successful.

M.C., LV

## PET HOUSE

**THE** Pet House has now been in existence for 2½ years. During the past year we have found it necessary to renew some of the cages, and these are easier to move and clean and are better designed than the old ones.

There are no longer any pet mice but we still have two guinea pigs, and the number of rabbits has increased to ten and are of varying colours and breeds.

In June a fair was held in the school hall to raise funds to pay for all the improvements made in the Pet House. The fair consisted of sweet stalls, raffles, and various competitions. The sum of £5 was raised.

Many of the animals that used to belong to members of the senior and middle school have been taken over by members of the junior school, due mainly to the pressure of extra work for examinations. We hope the Pet House will continue to flourish in the next year under its new owners.

W.L., UIV

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## CAREERS

Mrs. Lemoine, Youth Employment Officer for Girls of the City of Manchester Education Committee, visited the school each term during the past year, and gave individual advice to the Senior girls.

On Thursday, February 13th, Miss Lynch of Australia House, gave a Lecture to the school on Australia.

On Thursday, 21st May, Miss Platts, the Organiser of Physical Education for Lancashire, gave a demonstration to the school.

On Tuesday, 29th October, Rev. R. Brading gave a lecture on India to the school.

## CAROL SERVICE

ON Thursday, 12th December, 1964, the Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held in St. Mary's Church, Castletown, by courtesy of the Rev. E. B. Glass. The choir was conducted by Miss N. Moore and accompanied by Mrs. M. J. Van Dook, L.R.A.M. Among the carols the choir sang were: The Grasmere Carol, Stille Nacht, Ding Dong Merrily On High, This Endris Night, and Sleep Baby Sleep, and the large congregation joined in heartily the more well-known carols, Once in Royal David's City, Adeste Fideles, A Child This Day Is Born, and O, Little Town of Bethlehem. A collection was taken in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, and £15 was sent to them.

## CONFIRMATION

THE school Confirmation Service was held once more in the Chapel at Bishop's Court, on Thursday, July 23rd. Those confirmed were: J. Barnes, J. Critchley, S. Evans, S. Gilbert, S. Kermode, A. Kissack, J. Shimmin, J. Sofio, L. Wooller.

Parents and godparents of the confirmation candidates attended the service and then returned to Westhill for tea.

## ARMISTICE DAY

Christine Carter, the Head Girl, laid a wreath on the Castletown War Memorial, on Remembrance Sunday.

## CHURCH SERVICES

MEMBERS of the school attended 11 o'clock Communion at St. Mary's Church, Castletown, on All Saints Day, Ash Wednesday and Ascension Day.

## GODRED HOUSE NOTES

House Mistress: Mrs. Turnbull

House Captain: Maria Kegg

Vice Head Captain: Jane Lightbody

Games Captain: Jane Bordell

Vice Games Captain: Sandra Kinvig

GODRED'S games record was quite good this year. We started off the year well by winning the House Hockey for the second year running. The Juniors held their own by coming second in both inter-house netball and rounders matches. On sports day, Godfred won the Athletics Cup and Jane Lightbody won the hundred yards cup.

Godred's only weakness seems to be in swimming, but although we finished last, we all shared the success of Alex Jackson, who won the Junior Swimming Cup for the second consecutive year.

Individual members gained points for the House in various ways. Hazel Topps won the Fifth Cup and Sandra Kinvig was the runner-up. Helen Singleton and Sandra Kinvig won the Tennis Doubles Tournament. Julia Garvey won the Lady Dundas Cup for Public Speaking.

In December we won the 'Top of the House' Competition. It is hoped that next year we shall retain this record in General Knowledge.

S.K., House Captain LVI

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## LAGMAN HOUSE NOTES

House Mistress: Mrs. Corrin  
House Captain: Suzanne Lawson  
Vice Captain: Bruna Bishop  
Games Captain: Sarah Creer  
Vice-Captain: Christine Taggart

**O**UR results this year are a great improvement on those of the previous year. Although we did not do so well in the sports, we succeeded in winning the House Swimming Cup, and at the end of the school year we were awarded the House Cup.

Individual prizes were gained by Christine Taggart, who won the Thacker Cup for diving, and Fiona Caithness who won the Senior Swimming Cup.

We also gained successes in acting during the year: Elizabeth Watkin and Jane Hannah won the Senior and Junior M. J. C. Watkin Cup for their performances in the Shakespeare competition.

We were sorry to lose Mrs. Corrin, our House Mistress for the year, who left in July, but hope that we may be as successful next year under the guidance of Mrs. Vaughan, our new House Mistress.

J.S., House Captain U V

## MAGNUS HOUSE NOTES

House Mistress: Mrs. M. Parys  
House Captain: L. Garvey  
House Vice Captain: G. Brown  
House Games Captain: K. Kewley

**A**PART from excellent results in the Inter-House Netball matches, and being placed second in the Swimming Sports, this has not been an outstanding year for Magnus.

Academically we have not done as well as we might, but with perseverance during the next year we ought to be able to win the House Cup.

L.G., House Captain L VI

## OLAF HOUSE NOTES

House Mistress: Mrs. Brookfield  
House Captain: Susan Heywood  
Vice Captain: Janet Battersby  
Games Captain: Daphne Cottier

**T**HIS year there was a slight improvement in sporting successes for Olaf, and at least we managed to come third in most events. The results achieved by individual members of the house were better than the overall achievements. Daphne Cottier won the senior Victrix Ludorum and Susan Heywood was Captain of Tennis and obtained her colours. Academically the house has not done very well, but we hope to rectify this, and in next year's magazine we hope to see Olaf as the most successful house!

F.M. and S.K., UV

## Vith FORM LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

### OFFICERS 1963-64

Chairman : K. M. Kewley  
Honorary Secretary: S. M. Lawson  
Honorary Treasurer: M. E. Preston

**T**EN meetings of the society were held this year. Several guest speakers were invited. Dr. Colman spoke about the American poetess, Emily Dickinson; Canon Dixon about the "Bronte Family"; Mr. Simcocks about the "Manx Legal System"; Dr. Rose showed us some colourful slides as well as talking about America and Mr. Clague talked about "Life in New Zealand".

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We held several debates, two in the form of joint debates with King William's College. The subjects included: "This house considers that book-learning is over-rated"; "This house considers that Chivalry is outdated"; "That a University rather than a Casino should be built on the Island"; "This house considers that the Emancipation of Women has gone too far".

The Society also paid a visit to the House of Keys during the Trinity term.

R.J., L VI

### MOTOR DRIVING FOR FORM SIX

**T**HE Senior School is becoming more mobile! A large number of girls during the past year have passed the driving test, and many others are learning. Three-point-turns, hill starts and the art of reversing a car into a lane are now frequent topics of conversation in the senior studies!

Those who have passed the test during the past year are: Helen Singleton, Elizabeth Watkin, Mary Preston, Maria Kegg, Christine Carter, Brenda Gahan, Lavinia Garvey, Sandra Kinvig, Janet Moore, Rosa Jones, Katherine Kewley, Jane Cubbon, Sally Kewley, Patricia Williamson, Elaine Maughan, Gillian Brown and Elizabeth Kinley.

M.P. and S.K., U VI and U V

### PARISH WALK RELAY, 1964

**T**HIS year, instead of four members in the team, there were six. Our one great headache was to find enough members of the Tramp Club who were old enough to enter; as the age limit seems to go up each year!

Although the course was the same as in the previous year, as there were six members in the team, the 'take-over points' were considerably altered.

The weather was perfect and at four o'clock J. Sofio set off at a cracking rate which she kept up until she arrived in Ballasalla, one hour early! M. Rutherford took over at Ballasalla and kept up a good pace while walking to Ballacallin. At the take-over point at Ballacallin, J. Callow set off like a bomb and her pacer had to run to keep up with her! M. Casement took over from Jane at Ballaugh, one and a quarter hours earlier than intended.

Unfortunately, Maureen arrived early in Andreas, and I did not appreciate being woken up one hour earlier than originally intended! As I took over from Maureen the dawn was just beginning to break through the night sky, and no one could have seen a prettier sight than the sun shining on the forested slopes.

R. Jones took over from me at Hibernia. The school can be proud of every member of this year's team; as each one set a "cracking" pace, which undoubtedly gave us first place in our class.

The Buchan School Tramp Club was ninth overall, unfortunately we were beaten at the post by King William's College team—much to our chagrin!

The team would like to thank all those helpers who spent the greater part of the night supplying us with hot drinks and keeping us awake.

Those who took part were: Walkers—J. Sofio, M. Rutherford, J. Callow, M. Casement, J. Lightbody, R. Jones. Pacers—A. Kissack, D. Usher, F. Caithness, S. Kewley, P. Tutt, J. Forrester, M. Sillick, M. Winterbottom, E. Stone, B. Bishop, F. Brew, M. Preston, E. Gibson, W. Leach, H. Christian, E. Cowell, A. Kaghian. Drivers—S. Kinvig, J. Moore, E. Watkin.

Once again may I say from the team many thanks to all long suffering parents, car-drivers, and pacers.

J.L., L VI

### SIXTH FORM GOLF CLUB

**T**HIS year we were very lucky with the weather, and were able to play golf nearly every Monday afternoon, under the help and guidance of Mr. Devereau. After much practice we were able to hit the ball over 50 yards without losing it in the river!

J.M., L VI

### CAROL SINGING IN AID OF CHARITY

**O**N Thursday, 12th of December, 1963, a group of Upper Fifth formers went singing in aid of Oxfam. As the school carol service had taken place that afternoon we were very well prepared.

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We started at Westhill and worked our way around Castletown. Many people were extremely generous and we managed to raise £7 12s. 6d. during the course of the evening.

At the end of a very successful and enjoyable effort, Mrs. Barker, with whom some of us live during term, kindly invited us to return to her house for coffee, which was gratefully received, as the night was extremely cold.

L.G., Upper V

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NOTES

**T**HIS year has seen the erection of our new building and the climbing frames.

We have also acquired a considerable amount of new equipment, including a new rocking horse.

In November we had a jumble sale at which we made £37. This enabled us to buy a tape-recorder, which is proving most valuable.

We combined our Christmas party, held at the Witches Mill, with an informal concert to which parents were invited.

In the Autumn term Mrs. Kinder and Mrs. Chambers joined our staff. Subsequently Mrs. Kinder left us at the end of the Easter term and is now the proud mother of another little daughter. Jennifer Gibb and Suzanne Lawson joined us for the Summer term to look after the nursery class. We wish them luck in their careers in nursing and drama.

In June the P.T.A. held their annual garden party at Government House. Our stall cleared £47.

The Guildhall Speech Examinations produced very good results. Nicola Parker obtained distinction in her grade and all the other entrants gained a merit.

Anne Simcocks gained first place in the Manx Festival Speech Examination closely followed by three of her classmates.

Joan Blencowe obtained a prize for handwriting in the "Treasure" competition, and together with Sarah Holt prizes for handwriting in a competition run by Brooke Bond Tea.

In the Junior Bee Keepers Competition a special prize was presented to the Buchan entrants due to the high standard all round. The essay prize was won by Sarah Holt, art by Joan Blencowe and handicraft by Geraldine Moynagh.

We enjoyed a very pleasant day at Silverdale in July. Despite the morning's rain, the boats were especially popular. After lunch the weather was fine and warm.

*Charity.* £28/7/10 was collected through the year. The distribution was as follows: Oxfam £12/1/5, P.D.S.A. £5/0/0, Sunshine Fund for Blind Babies £1/0/0, Save the Children Fund £2/16/5, R.S.P.C.A. £5/10/0, Isle of Man Handicapped children £1/0/0.

## A JUNIOR SCHOOL TRAMP

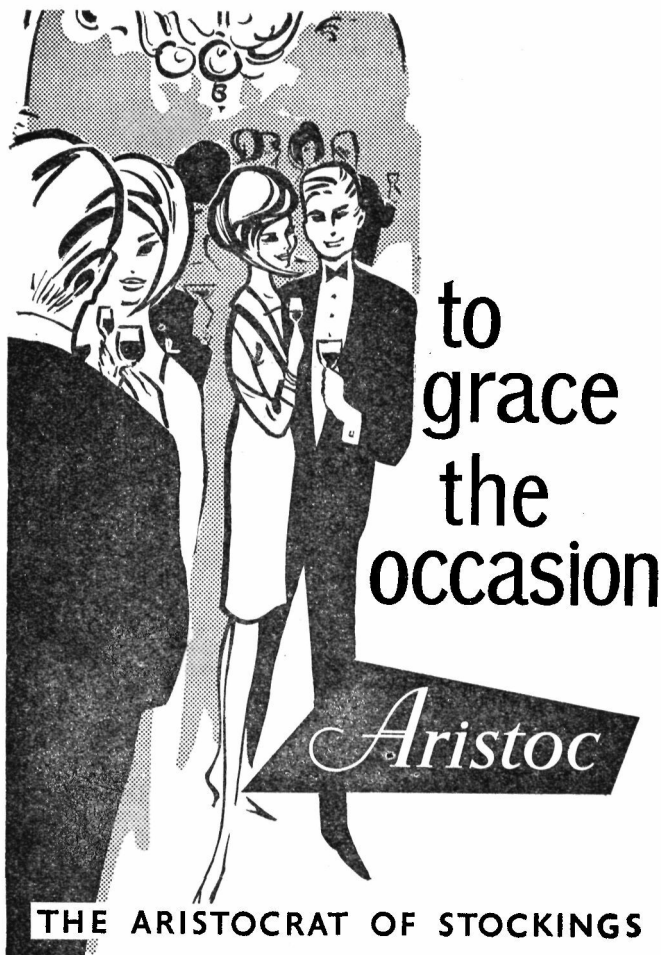
**O**N Saturday, May 9th, forms UIII and III went by coach to Laxey with Mr. and Mrs. Barratt and Mrs. Chambers. We stopped at King Orry's grave and Evelyn Stirling had her photograph taken coming out of the grave as a ghost.

We then got in the coach again and drove to Glen Mona and this was where our walk began. We walked to Cashtal-yn-And and saw the old burial site, which was much bigger than King Orry's grave.

From Cashtal-yn-And we walked towards Ballaglass Glen. When we reached the top of the hill we stopped at the Quaker Burial Ground, but not for long—the wind was very strong and we were glad to make our way to Port Mooar beach where we ate our picnic tea on the rocks.

After tea we walked to Maughold church and just had time to see the collection of old Manx crosses there before it began to rain. Luckily the coach was waiting for us to take us back to Westhill after a most enjoyable day.

S.H., Junior School



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## THE KIRK MICHAEL FISH HATCHERY

ON Wednesday, March 25th, Forms UIII, III, LIII and II visited "Trout Farm" at Kirk Michael.

It was a beautiful day as we set out; the sun was shining, though there was a very strong wind blowing. The journey took about three-quarters of an hour, but there was quite a lot to see. Some of us were very surprised to see snow heaped up against the roadside near Kirk Michael because there had been no snow in Castletown.

When we reached Kirk Michael we turned down towards the shore and there was a tall building—the Fish Hatchery.

We hurried inside out of the wind, and found Mr. Quayle waiting for us. Inside the building was one room with five rows of troughs running from the wall almost the whole length of the room. In each trough were mesh trays. At the top of each trough was a river water tap. It is necessary for fresh water to run down the troughs continuously.

The trays near the taps had eggs in them and as they got further away from the tap we saw each tray contained fish in various stages of development.

One trough contained salmon and all the others contained trout. Many of the young fish still had their yolk sac and were not able to move much. Mr. Quayle told us that they collected the eggs from the parent fish in November. He also said that they could only get the eggs from the fish that were ready to lay and that they could not force fish to lay eggs when they were not ready to do so. It takes less than a minute to take the eggs from the fish.

In December they are able to tell whether the eggs are fertile or not. If they can see the eye of the fish, then the egg is fertile, but if they cannot the egg is not fertile and is thrown away. Sometimes fluff grows on the egg. This means that the egg is going bad and it is thrown away.

By January the eggs have hatched. The salmon eggs are a pinkish colour and the trout eggs are white. When they hatch they have a yolk sac which they feed on for the first few weeks of their lives. Then they are fed on liver which is minced into little pieces so it is almost like blood. When the fish are feeding on the liver they are put into the troughs. Up to that time they have been kept in wire mesh baskets in the trough. When they are about two inches long they are put outside in the pools.

As they grow bigger they are put in different pools outside. Having seen the tiny fish and eggs inside we went outside and were shown some fish that were about three years old. They were in large pools in a field with a net over them. Mr. Quayle picked out a few trout and they were about five or six inches long. As it was a windy day, the water was muddy and we could not see the fish in it. Only a few surfaced to get some food that was thrown into them.

There were two tanks in which the parent fish were kept, many of which were kept to get eggs from in November. The number of eggs a fish lays varies according to the weight and size of the fish. A one pound fish will lay approximately 800 eggs.

Across all the outside ponds or tanks were stretched rows of wire to stop sea birds flying down and having an easily caught meal. Only trout are kept in the outdoor tanks.

The salmon are taken to Manx rivers as soon as they begin to feed themselves, and are put high up in the river in the hope that they will survive. It is not possible to keep salmon as it is necessary for them to go to the sea for a period before they are fully grown.

The trout are kept until they are a good size and then they too are taken to the river and set free, to be caught sooner or later by a keen angler.

S.H., E.R.J. and R.P., Junior School

## THE VIKING SHIP BURIAL

ON May 14th UIII visited the site of a Viking Ship burial at Balladoole. This small hill must have been occupied as early as 1500 B.C. and used by later people for some hundreds of years.

We found the hollow where there had been a Stone Age burial cyst. The Stone Age person had probably been cremated and an urn containing the remains buried in the hill.

Between 500 B.C. and 500 A.D. the Iron Age people used the hill as a fortress and built a rampart round it, and we could see the outline of it.

Following the Iron Age occupation the hill was used as an early Christian burial site. Some graves were found under the Pagan ship burial, and some had been dislodged by the Vikings when they buried their chief.

The Viking chief was one of the first of the Norse Settlers. He was buried in an open boat about 35 feet long.

When the site was excavated in 1945, the wood had rotted away but the iron bolts which had held the planks together were found, and also harness straps, buttons, etc. The body had been placed in the boat and then it was all covered with a mound of earth.

Lower down the hill we saw the remains of a keel. It was probably found in the third or fourth century by missionaries sent from Ireland.

It was interesting to stand on the little hill and know that it contained so much history. We hope to visit the museum soon to see the Viking display there.

S.H., S.C. and A.S., Junior School

### A VISIT TO THE MANX MUSEUM

ON June 27th our class visited the Manx Museum. We saw first the Viking Section and took special interest in the model of the Balladoole Viking Ship.

We also saw other interesting remains, such as a woman's skull with the back chopped out (she had been killed and placed with the dead Chieftain). We also saw a Viking warrior's sword which had been broken in three when it was buried with him. This was to deter grave robbers. After a thorough look at all the cases in this section we then visited other parts of the Museum; we saw a needle-work box belonging to Lady Buchan. We were amazed at an old poster telling of the wonder of a lady fire-eater!

F.M., Junior School

### A VISIT TO CASTLE RUSHEN

ON July 2nd, forms VIII, III, LIII and II visited Castle Rushen where Mr. Stowell acted as our guide.

Before we went into the castle, Mr. Stowell told us some of its history, and he mentioned how the castle had never been taken in battle. It was captured in 1313 by Robert Bruce by means of a trick, and again in the 17th century through treachery.

We were taken into the Court room and the Deemster's room, both part of the Derby House.

Mr. Stowell demonstrated what happened to the wrong-doers, and he also showed us the birch, which is made up of five sticks tied together.

After leaving the Court room we climbed up the stairs and walked through many rooms. In one room Mr. Stowell told us to be very quiet and then he showed us a hole in one of the walls. He said if we listened at the hole we would hear a ghost's heart beat. We did hear it but later realised that the "heart beat" was the old clock in the tower above.

It was very interesting to see the clock from the inside and we were in the clock tower when it struck eleven. A few people were able to wind it up. From the clock tower we climbed to the highest part of the castle, and saw how the town stretched out before us.

We then retraced our footsteps down the 101 stairs to the ground floor. There Mr. Stowell left us and we returned to Westhill having had a most interesting morning at Castle Rushen.

A.S. and E.R.J., Junior School

### A TRIP TO THE ARAN ISLANDS

FOR my summer holidays I went to Ireland to a part called Galway. We hired a car and motored to it and when we arrived we went to the hotel we had booked at, and had supper.

In the morning we decided to go to the Aran Islands which are in Galway Bay. We got on the boat at about 12 o'clock and at 12-30 p.m. we had our picnic lunch on the boat. The journey took two hours and on arrival at the harbour,



men were asking if we would like to go on a "jaunting cart" so we said we would. We asked if the man would take us to a ruin we wanted to see, and he said he would. On the way we passed the actress Barbara Mullen's house.

We had to walk up a hill to get to the ruin and we found that the walls had fallen away and there was a sheer drop of about 200 feet. Then we went back to the "jaunting cart" and back to the boat, which took us back to Galway.

K.A., Junior School.

### COACH RIDE

At half-past seven my alarm goes off,  
I eat my breakfast—how I scoff!  
Then on with my coat and then out of the door;  
Around the corner and seen no more.  
At the stop we wait and wait  
As our coach is sometimes late.  
It comes at last as fast as can be;  
I sit down next to Anne Christory.  
It rumbles along up Albany Road,  
Remembering the Highway Code,  
Through Pulrose, up Richmond Hill,  
Going very slowly, m.p.h. almost nil.  
Through to Santon, onward to  
The "Fairy Bridge" to say "How do you do".  
Ballasalla we go through,  
Janet's Corner is now in view.  
Past the Airport this is the end,  
Buchan School is round the bend.  
Off the coach in single file,  
Amongst the girls there's not a smile.  
Across the Yard and down the stairs,  
We wind our way in weary pairs.  
Off with coat, and hang up my hat.  
Into class, "Good morning, Mrs. Platt."

J.P., L.IV.

### GHOSTS

Sometimes visible, sometimes not,  
Sometimes a square, sometimes a dot.  
The ghost can take which form it wants.  
Living in ruins and sacred fonts.  
Some wear chains, others bells,  
At least that's what the story tells.  
I've often wished to meet a ghost.  
And once I hid behind a post  
At midnight, when everything was dark.  
A cat miaowed, I heard a bark.  
I heard a creaking on the boards,  
Something swayed—the window cords!  
Then suddenly behind my back  
I saw a thing all horrid and black;  
Small and plump, in fact quite fat.  
It was my little tabby cat.  
"You silly thing," I said to him.  
And do you know, he gave a grin!

P.D., L.IV.

### PREPARING A HORSE FOR A SHOW

PREPARING a horse for a show is quite different from the usual routine of looking after it at home. The first alarming difference is the early hour at which it is necessary to get up.

In the horseboxes my charges have managed to slip their head collars in spite of all my careful knot-tying of the previous night, and are taking this unusually early rising in their stride; I certainly get no peace until they are fed.

The skewbald has managed to rub himself in the dirtiest corner, and the yearlings appear to have been scrubbing their tails and mains. Now I have to clean out all the loose boxes and settle the horses with full water buckets and hay nets. Time for breakfast and Anne, Valerie, my two friends, and I rush to wash. What a wonderful smell of bacon! We sit down at the table looking rather dishevelled.

Back to work; first necessity is a bucket of warm water and soap powder to clean the skewbald. Bandages are wound and rewound and replaced until the last possible moment.

We are now at the showfield and the van changes from tackroom to dressing room and the hectic rush has started. We begin to feel like monkeys at a zoo, as, frantically plaiting manes, we are stared at by passing people and subjected to a variety of comments!

While the skewbald is arguing with me about having his bridle on, I realise his feet are not oiled, his girth has shrunk after washing and I have to run for a replacement. Eventually Anne, who is riding the horse, is legged up and I, tidying myself, rush to the collecting ring, giving her last instructions.

The class is called, boots and horse given a final polish, bandages removed and they pass away from the collecting ring.

As I wait in eager anticipation for the judging to commence, I start summing up the other entries.

I breathe a sigh of relief as my horse is reasonably well placed, and now the real judging takes place while I hope he will behave. Thank goodness! He has been placed second, and now, his rugs on, he is treated to his dinner and then taken around to the rest of the mares to plait up for the afternoon classes.

S.O.M., LV.

## HAMLET

ON Saturday, 21st March, the school attended the production of Hamlet performed by King William's College. We had a special interest in this because Suzanne Lawson played the part Ophelia and Julia Garvey the part of lady-in-waiting to the Queen. This is the first time that girls from the Buchan have taken part in a production by King William's College, and the school can feel proud of them for their excellent performance.

S.K., UV.

## COMMONWEALTH YOUTH SERVICE

ON Sunday, 10th May, representatives of the senior school attended the Annual Commonwealth Youth Service at St. John's Church. Also, the newly-formed 4th Buchan Guide Company attended and took part in the ceremony of dedicating the flag. We were very proud of them as this was the first time that they had appeared as a company separate from the 3rd Castletown Company.

F.M., UV.

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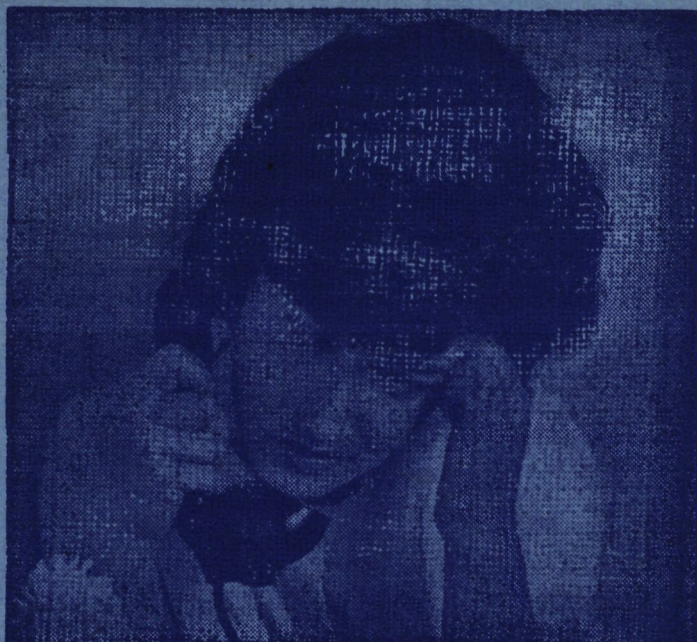
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