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## FOREWORD.

It is with pleasure we present the 13th Volume of the "Silurian," signifying the end of another school year. Its exceptional size is an indication of widening activity and measure of the effort put into its production. It is hoped it contains matters of interest to all past and present pupils.

The year has been a quiet one, though it has had its highlights and there are many memories we shall treasure. To all those who have contributed in any way to the progress and welfare of the School we offer grateful thanks.

After four years at the school we look forward to the completion of the development of the playing field, with its cinder track, tennis courts, hockey and football pitches, and cricket field. The local secondary schools will undoubtedly show their appreciation by making full use of these facilities.

Inevitably next year some familiar personalities will be missing from the classrooms and the fields. We wish them well as they leave the school to follow their bent in the world outside. We look forward to welcoming them anew as members of the Old Boys' Association in the hope that they will maintain their interest in the school and its activities.

Mr. Arthur leaves us this year after a stay of seven years, during which he has devoted himself unsparingly to the physical welfare of the boys. We take this opportunity of extending to Mr. Arthur and his family our best wishes for the future.



## THE JACOB MORGAN PRIZE.

THE Jacob Morgan Prize, awarded annually to the boy who has done most to uphold the name of the school, was awarded this year to D. M. T. Kendrick and was presented to him by Mrs. Rachel Jones on Prize Day.

For one who gained such distinction in the school, David's entry was, to say least, rather odd. He failed his entrance examination and entered the school in the second form by special examination. Then in 1960 David justified the faith that so many had in him when he obtained passes at Ordinary Level in nine subjects.

During his time in school David proved to be a most reliable and loyal boy who was popular with staff and boys alike. He was always a prominent figure in school activities and in societies his exemplary character came to the fore.



When only in the first year sixth, David was made a prefect, was voted Chairman of the Music Society, and in the sports field gained his colours for the School Rugby 1st XV.

After only one year in the sixth form, and to the disappointment of every one, David decided to leave school without sitting any advanced level examinations. He is now a cadet with the Metropolitan Police and the whole school will, I am sure, join in wishing David every success in his vocation. Those of us who remain have been inspired by his example and the school is surely a poorer place for his leaving.

A. DACEY, VIa.

## THE BEST KIND OF WATCH.

If ever you find yourself in the unfortunate predicament of not knowing the best kind of watch to buy, whether it be for yourself or someone else, do not take heed of the following words, for I can speak with no authority on the matter. However, as I have been called upon to express my views on the subject, I shall do so with the utmost sincerity.

A primary consideration is, of course, whether the person concerned be of the fair sex or the sterner sex. As a rule, the former prefer a small wrist watch, whereas the latter are more inclined towards a large wrist watch or pocket watch, depending upon their age. Normally, the younger generation choose a wrist watch and leave the pocket watches to the elder, gentlemanly types, Jimmy Edwards being the perfect example.

As for decoration and adaptability, modern watches know no bounds, for how could Jimmy Edwards complete his act with a stiff leather strap to secure his watch? Modern science has overcome this difficulty by inventing a chain which both prevents his watch from flying into orbit and provides a flexible connection without which his perfect judgement of time and distance would be useless!

But scientific improvement does not even stop there! Although the cost may be a slight obstacle, you can pop out and buy an anti-magnetic, shockproof, waterproof, luminous, gold-plated, self-winding, electronically tested, unconditionally guaranteed watch complete with stainless steel screw back, unbreakable mainspring, seventeen jewels, a third hand, imitation crocodile strap, and a device for telling the day of the year. However, so as to suit all tastes, watches with slight variations from the above type are now being manufactured. For the benefit of those who have no money to splash around, some watch-makers are quite willing to supply a few cogs and springs and a "Do-it-yourself" kit at a reasonable price. The rest is then up to you.

An appeal has been made to me by the R.S.P.O.M.C. (Royal Society for the Preservation of Outer Mongolian Customs) asking me to print their latest broadcast to the world. It asks you good people not to scoff at the imitation watches that you buy for your children, for they have considerable value as ornaments in Outer Mongolia.

My final word to you is one of advice, and here it is: "Buy a sun-dial, they are much more reliable."

PETER HUDSON, 4a.



## PRIZE DAY.

ON 11th April, 1962, at the fourth Prize Day ceremony to be held in the School's gymnasium, it proved impossible to accommodate all the boys as well as the unprecedented number of parents and friends present, and Forms I had unfortunately to make way for the visitors.

The Head Boy (A. S. F. Dacey) opened the proceedings with a short speech of welcome. Councillor R. V. Williams then addressed the meeting as Chairman and asked the Headmaster to give his report for the school year 1960-61.

In the course of his speech Mr. Rees referred to the post-war bulge, pointing out that worthwhile jobs were now much harder to get. Examinations were therefore of the utmost importance and it was essential for pupils to strike a happy balance between work and play in these days of increasing outside activities. Parents had their part to play in taking an interest in a boy's work.

Mr. Rees also alluded to the recent report of the Royal College of Physicians on the connection between smoking and lung cancer. Again it was the duty of parents to discourage smoking, and parents could not expect teachers to maintain standards they could not impose on themselves.

After the Headmaster had reviewed the School's scholastic achievements, prizes were presented by Mrs. Rachel Jones, M.A., who congratulated each boy as he went up to receive his prize.

The School Choir then sang the "Sanctus" from Faure's "Requiem" which was very well received.

As guest speaker, Mrs. Rachel Jones, Chairman of the B.B.C. Council for Wales, was in sparkling mood when she delivered one of the best Prize Day addresses in the memory of present Sixth Form boys. She said it was no good being a walking encyclopaedia without being able to use and express what one knew. To speak well and to read well in English or in Welsh, to know grammar so that one did not make elementary mistakes, was more important than ever before.

Going on to speak about Wales and the Welsh, Mrs. Jones stated that although we in Wales were afraid that our culture was being swallowed up our fears were unfounded. One live culture could not be swallowed up by another. Both would merge to form a new and richer culture.

Finally, Mrs. Jones commended to pupils, the virtues of truthfulness, honesty and courtesy, which, she said, would make us all much finer people.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Coun. J. V. Like and seconded by Coun. F. H. Jones.

Prizes were presented to the following :—

Form 1.—D. G. Morris, J. R. Fletcher, M. A. Boxhall, R. S. Thomas, G. S. Barrington, P. H. Powell.

Form 2.—K. G. Meale, G. T. Williams, P. J. Morris, A. Millichip, T. J. King.

Form 3.—P. I. Hudson, M. T. Smith, R. D. Jardine, O. T. Williams.

Form 4.—J. D. Price, V. G. Jones, M. A. Stephens, B. D. Williams, R. Guy.

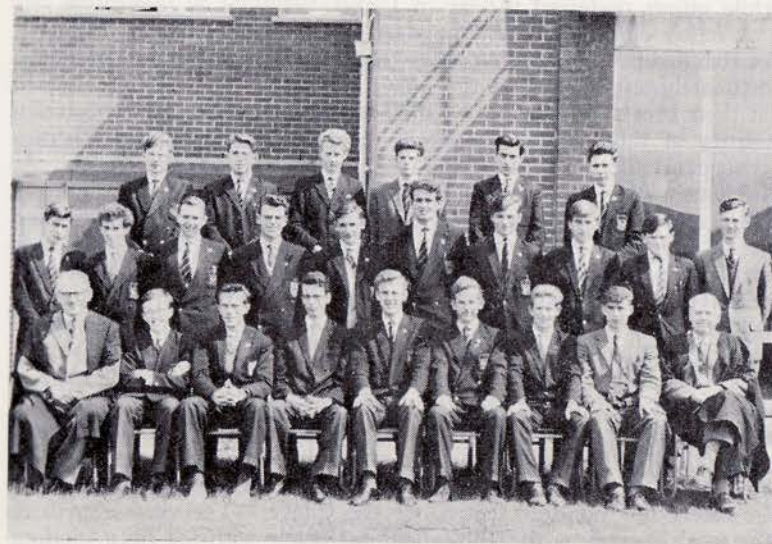
'O' Level Prizes.—D. M. Adami, H. G. Giles, G. D. Gittus, P. A. James, D. G. Jones, G. H. Jones, W. D. Morgan, J. R. Smith, D. I. Thomas, T. J. Watkins, H. A. Williams, C. W. Wright, D. V. T. Davies.

"A" Level W.J.E.C.—A. S. F. Dacey, J. A. O. Davies, R. J. W. Davies, D. Ellis, R. L. Grant, G. P. Giffiths, W. J. Griffiths, E. M. James, D. L. Jones, D. P. Jones, H. Jones, R. J. Owens, D. J. Parry, P. B. Phillips, J. G. Poole, E. T. Protheroe, D. K. P. Strangward, J. Sullivan, J. G. Tuthill.

Jacob Morgan Prize :—D. M. T. Kendrick.

David Lewis Welsh Prize.—Shared by R. G. McAdam and D. Isaac.

T. E. PROTHEROE, VIAsc.



**SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1961-62.**

Back Row : D. J. Jones, K. Thomas, M. A. Williams, R. G. McAdam, A. R. Frame  
R. A. Bastable.

Second Row : W. M. Prowel, H. T. Parry, J. K. Bryant, P. G. Powell, T. M. Thirgood, M. D. Moon, D. G. Griffiths, J. Burgess, I. D. Ould, R. P. Day.

Front Row : Mr. A. Rees (Headmaster), D. P. Jones, D. L. Jones, E. T. Protheroe  
A. S. Dacey (Head Boy), R. J. Owen, (Deputy Head Boy), W. J. Griffiths,  
J. G. Tuthill, Mr. J. Williams (Deputy Head Master).



## TO THE RHINELAND OF GERMANY, 1961.

WITH a 24 hour journey before them, our two 'buses pulled out of Brecon on 19th July taking their complement of 50 boys and 5 masters on the first leg of the journey to Unkel-am-Rhein in Germany. This, so far the largest party from our school, crossed the Channel in fine weather and on a very calm sea. We had a sleepless express train journey through Belgium that night, looking forward to our Continental holiday. We arrived early on the morning of the second day in Unkel.

On the second day we left by coach for the Seven Mountains nearby. Our destination was the Olberg Peak, whose summit we reached on foot through the steeply forested slopes. The view from the top was magnificent with other forested hills and mountains in the distance. On the way down we lost one of the chief members of our party, Dr. Thomas. He was eventually found after we had returned to the hotel.

The following day being free, we had a chance to visit the neighbouring towns. Some visited Königswinter, Bonn and Cologne, while others preferred to stay in Unkel.

A rather cloudy day saw the start of our steamer trip to Koblenz. As the paddle steamer left at 9-30 a.m. some of our party were unfortunately left behind on the quay, not having had enough time to eat their breakfasts. Happily, they rejoined us later. The upstream journey of three hours was spent recording the delightful Rhenish scenery on film, and admiring the castles and small villages. At Koblenz we saw the famous Deutsches Eck, the "corner" where the Rhine and Moselle meet. While waiting for the boat in the evening one of our party distinguished himself by catching a thief. This was our German master, Mr. Foulkes, who gracefully declined the reward offered him. On that cheerful note we spent the downstream journey listening to soft music and the day was completed with a two-egged meal at the hotel.

On Saturday afternoon we visited the Ahr Valley. The Ahr, a small tributary of the Rhine, was a little further upstream from Unkel. We travelled up it on a road skirting the hillsides, terraced for grape production. This valley was famous for tourists as we saw when we reached the main centre. Here most of us went by cable car to the café a few hundred feet above the village. The view from here was most rewarding, the village laid out below with the river winding through it and hills disappearing into the distance. On the return journey we stopped at a small village where wine production was the chief occupation. We visited some wine cellars cut in the rock where a free glass of wine was available for the modest fee of visiting the cellar.

The Drachenfels, another peak of the Seven Mountains, was reached by train and funicular railway, through Königswinter, the next day. The ascent by funicular railway took us slowly up the mountain-side

revealing the scenery spread out below us. There was a ruined castle on the summit, and the café there catered well for the many tourists.

The day before our return was spent visiting Bonn, the Federal capital. Our first objective was the parliament buildings and on the way there the bus driver very thoughtfully pointed out Bonn Minster and Chancellor Adenauer's residence among other important buildings. The conducted tour of the parliament buildings was most informative, telling us about parliamentary procedure and the parliament buildings themselves. Afterwards we visited the town with its marvellous shopping centre, while for many the most interesting feature of the day was a visit to the Beethoven house.

We bought last minute presents and souvenirs before leaving for Cologne on the evening of the last day. Everyone was rather sorry to leave the hotel where we had been treated so well. After a few hours wait on Cologne station we were soon speeding through Belgium which we saw in the early hours of the morning. Arriving in Brecon late that night, we felt tired but cheerful after such an enjoyable and interesting holiday, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Foulkes, Dr. W. Thomas, Dr. L. L. Williams, Mr. W. Owen, and Mr. G. Williams, in the Rhineland of Germany.

RICHARD BASTABLE, VIASc.

### BALWNAU.

Chwythwyd hwy, y llestri rwber,  
Gan awyr a phoer ;  
Cymysgwyd eu lliwiau  
A bryntni llachar,  
Ac fe'u hongiwyd  
I drengi  
Uwch gogoniant a miri.  
Chwythwyd bychander eu cadernid  
I falchder brau eu maint ;  
Mwyach fe'u deifir  
Gan bin  
I ffirwydrol angof.

HANDEL JONES.

### GOODWILL DAY.

ON 18th May, 1962, a special service to commemorate Goodwill Day was led by Mr. Gareth Edwards, B.A.

The hymn, "Efengyl Tangnefedd" was read by Dennis Morgan, and "Our Lord, our God, arise" by Colin Moses.

Robert McAdam read the Lesson in English, and the Goodwill message was read in four languages by Winstone Griffiths (English), Martyn Prowel (French), Howard Parry (German), and Handel Jones (Welsh). The service ended with a prayer offered by the Headmaster.



## THE WAY BACK.

He staggered on, brushing the clutching briars aside. On! On through the thick undergrowth, he stumbled. The shouts of his pursuers could be heard a short distance off. They were drawing closer now. A dog barked! The flash and the report of a rifle. The fugitive felt the sharp pain as the bullet entered his body. He momentarily stopped, but then plunged on. His pace was becoming slower. The undergrowth seemed unwilling to let him pass. He could not go on. He fell to the ground. The ground welcomed him. He lay there staring at the stars that were twinkling in the milky way. How long would it be till they found him? One minute, or two? It did not seem to matter now.

His mind began to ramble. He thought of the country as it had been before these devils had come. He remembered the brook. He had loved that brook where he had spent most of his leisure time. He could see the brook now. It was like him, trying to escape. Down the bank it fled, from the bog, across the moor, and now, again, down another bank. Through a field, where cows chewed and sheep stared, it went. Trees tood by the bank, here and there, with holes under their roots. Were these his friends? The bed of the river was sandy, littered with small stones, where trout darted, salmon flicked, and eels slithered along the bed. Were these the troubles that moved within the brain? Down into a valley, fields on either side, the brook tumbled. It plunged over a weir down to where drooping willows stretched as far as the eye could see. Was that drop the one he had taken when he had rebelled? The river flowed on until it came to a forest. The water darkened as the sun was shut off, leaving only a few scattered patches of sunlight filtering through the dark trees to make bright spots on the forest floor. The bed of the river was rocky now and the water bounced and splattered from rock to rock.

Yes, the river was like his life.

He had experienced that time in life when almost all hope was lost; when his skies were dark and gloomy. That time was not long ago; the prison was not far away. He had escaped. God only knows how. He had tried to make his way back; back to his friends. But his friends were the rocks. He had been buffeted and rejected. He had been shown the door and had been forced to rush on. He had been rushing on tonight. But the brook was nearing the end of its journey. It would soon be joining the river. Was this the river of death?

The voices drew nearer and nearer. The dogs barked constantly. At last they reached him. They stopped and looked down at him. They shouted and struck him with the butts of their rifles. But he did not hear them or feel their prods. He had been engulfed by the river. He had tried to make his way back but the current had been too strong.

R. OWENS, VIA Arts.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1961.

### ADVANCED LEVEL.

Dacey, A. S. F.	.. Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics.
Davies, J. A. O.	.. Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
Davies, R. J. W.	.. English, Music.
Gant, R. L.	.. French*, History, Geography (with distinction).
Griffiths, G. P.	.. Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
Griffiths, W. J.	.. English, Scripture, History
James, R. M.	.. Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics (with distinction)
Jones, D. L.	.. Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics
Jones, D. P.	.. Pure and Applied Maths, Physics, Chemistry
Jones, H.	.. English, Welsh (Home language)
Owens, R. J.	.. History, Greek and Roman History
Parry D. J.	.. Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics.
Phillips, P. B.	.. English, Latin, History
Poole, J. G.	.. Pure and Applied Maths, Physics
Protheroe, E. T.	.. Pure and Applied Maths, Chemistry
Strangward, D. K. P.	.. Pure and Applied Maths
Sullivan, J.	.. Chemistry, Botany, Zoology
Tuthill, J. G.	.. History

### ORDINARY LEVEL.

Adami, D. M.	.. English Language, English Literature, Latin, French* History, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
Adams, R. J.	.. Mechanics
Bastable, R. A.	.. Mechanics
Brown, C. V.	.. Commercial Subjects
Bryant, J. K.	.. Mechanics
Burgess, J.	.. Geology
Charters, F. J.	.. French
Chatfield, J.	.. English Language
David, J. B.	.. English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Chemistry, Biology †
Davies, D. J. V.	.. English Language, Welsh O3*, Art, Woodwork, Geometrical and Engineering Drawing.
Davies, L. A.	.. Latin
Devereux, J.	.. English Language, Geography, Physics, Maths †
Evans, D. G.	.. Physics
Frame, A. R.	.. English Language, French, Geology
Giles, H. G.	.. English Language, French* History, Maths, Physics, Chemistry
Gittins, M. H.	.. Maths, Physics, Woodwork, Geometrical and Engineering Drawing.
Gittins, P. A.	.. English Language, Woodwork, Geometrical and Engineering Drawing
Gittus, G. D.	.. English Language, English Literature, French*, History, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
Griffiths, C. J.	.. English Language
Griffiths, D. G.	.. Mechanics
Griffiths, R. H.	.. History, Geography, Agricultural Science
Hicks, B.	.. French*, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry
Humphreys, R. C.	.. French*
Hyett, C. H.	.. English Language, Scripture, Geography, History †
Isaac, D. R.	.. Scripture
James, B. W.	.. Art, Woodwork



James, P. A.	.. English Language, English Literature, Welsh 03*, French,* History, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
Jenkins, D. H.	.. English Language, Welsh 03*, French,* Maths, Physics
Johnson, J. M.	.. Geology
Jones, A. E. D.	.. History, Geography, Music
Jones, D. G.	.. English Language, Welsh 03*, Latin, French* History, German*, Geography.
Jones, D. J.	.. English Language, Mechanics
Jones, G. H.	.. English Language, Welsh 03*, French*, German,* History, Geography, Maths, Music
Jones, G. W.	.. English Language, History, Geography, Physics, Biology.
Jones, G. B.	.. History, English Language †, Maths †
Jones, K. J.	.. English Language, French
Jones, M. R.	.. History
Jones, R. A. D.	.. Geography, Physics, Chemistry, English Language †, Maths †, Welsh 03* †
Kendrick, D. M. T.	.. Physics
Lewis, H. C.	.. Welsh 03*, History, Geography, Physics, English Language †
Lewis, G. T.	.. Geography, Agricultural Science
Major, A. H.	.. English Language, French*, History, Chemistry, Welsh 03* †
Marston, G. P.	.. Geography, Physics, Art
Morgan, W. D.	.. English Language, English Literature, Welsh 03* Latin, French*, German, History, Geography, Maths
Morris, M.	.. English Language, Scripture, History †
Ould, J. D.	.. French*
Parry, R. K.	.. History
Peters, D. J.	.. English Literature, History, Geography, Biology, English Language †
Pomeroy, D. W. E.	.. Geography, Art
Poole, A. W.	.. History, Geography, English Language †
Powell, P. G.	.. Botany
Price, K. J.	.. Geography
Price, W. K.	.. Physics, Woodwork, Maths †
Pugh, D. G.	.. Physics
Smith, J. R.	.. English Language, English Literature, History, Maths, Physics, Chemistry
Smith, M. C.	.. Art, English Language †
Thirgood, T. M.	.. Mechanics
Thomas, D. I.	.. English Language, French,* German, History, Geography, Maths
Thomas, K.	.. Mechanics
Thomas, T. R.	.. Physics, Art
Watkins, A. C.	.. Botany
Watkins, B. R.	.. English Language, Welsh, 03* History, Chemistry, Geography †
Watkins, B. M.	.. Scripture, History, Geography †
Watkins, T. J.	.. English Language, English Literature, History, Maths, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, French* †
Way, R. C.	.. Geography
Williams, H. A.	.. English Language, French,* History, Geography, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology
Williams, M. A.	.. English Language, Mechanics
Williams, R.	.. Art
Wright, C. W.	.. English Language, English Literature, Welsh 02*, Latin, French* History, Maths, Physics, Chemistry

\*Indicates a pass with oral proficiency.

†Indicates a pass at November Examination.

#### SPECIAL EXAMINATION IN ARITHMETIC, 1961.

Chatfield J.; David, J. P.; Davies, D. J. V.; Gittins, P. A.; James, B. W.; James, P. A.; Jenkins, D. H.; Jones, G. B.; Jones, G. H.; Jones, G. W.; Jones, K. J.; Lewis, G. T.; Lewis, H. C.; Major, A. H.; Marston, G. P.; Peters, D. J.; Pomeroy, D. W. E.; Poole, A. W.; Price, K. J.; Price, W. K.; Pugh, D. G.; Thomas, T. R.; Watkins, B. R.

#### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. ORDINARY LEVEL.

Chatfield, J. .. Art  
Price, W. K. .. Geometrical and Mechanical Drawing.

#### THE TEENAGER.

This is the age of change,  
This is the age when life reveals itself  
In all its splendour;  
The age when childhood has vanished over the horizon  
And leaves only a pleasant taste in the mouth,  
As a reminder.

But what is it that lures and draws the masses  
Of telly-drunk teenagers on to the streets at night  
Away from the eternal drudgery of homework  
To the ecstasy of coffee bars and low-down dives  
Where the juke-boxes play  
And care dissolves as the shadowy figures sway?  
To these and other such Elysiums they flock  
Like homing-pigeons, but in a gayer frock.  
Two world wars and the threat  
Of total annihilation.  
These are the things they must forget  
No wonder, then, they drown their days  
With tuneless tunes.

And these cacophonous strains  
And unpredictable ways  
Enrage the milk-soft adults.  
But they must allow for this,  
Allow for what it is:  
A stage. And they must realise that stages pass.

ROGER HAUSHEER, Va.

WE offer a warm welcome to Mr. Graham Roblin, B.Sc., who joined the Mathematics department at the beginning of the year, and to Mr. Gareth Edwards, B.A., who has replaced Mr. Harvey Williams as Head of the Welsh Department.



## THE EARTHFALL.

FOR the past few days Edward and David had been unusually quiet. They did not speak at all unless asked something, and even then they spoke as if their thoughts were far away, as indeed they were. They often did something absent mindedly, like stirring their tea with a fork. However, their sleepy attitude had its root in a plot they had hatched, and which they were going to carry out at the first opportunity.

They were planning to explore some old, disused shafts of a copper mine, which was situated about nine miles to the East of their small farm. These shafts were believed to reach back into the heart of a mountain. They had often been warned not to venture there, by their parents, because recently some of the shafts had caved in behind a party of potholers: hundreds of tons of earth blocked their only hope of escape. They had been found, dead, after rescue workers had broken through the barrier of earth and rock.

But all this kind dissuasion only seemed to add to their eagerness to explore the shafts. Tomorrow they would get up before dawn and leave a note explaining their absence, so that they would have a few hours start before anyone became aware of it.

Early next morning they got up and dressed, and quietly made their way down the stairs. As they crept through the yard, one of the sheep-dogs came towards them. Edward quickly told it to be quiet and to go back to its corner. Then they went to the stables where they saddled a horse each. On each horse they tied a pack of food, and also they had with them two torches which would come in very useful. They led the horses out into the open and then rode away, quietly at first, so as not to disturb anyone in the house. The journey was quite easy and in an hour or two they had reached the mine. The sun had by now crept over the horizon, setting everything alight with a pale diffused, reddish glow. Far behind them they saw the farm house, which had shrunk to the size of a doll's house.

They alighted from their horses and placed the packs of food in the shade. Then they tethered the horses in the shade of a large tree which overhung a small mountain stream. As they entered the mine the first thing that struck them was the surprising coldness of the air compared with outside, and the hollow drip of water from the damp and crumbly roof. They switched on their torches to penetrate the inky-blackness of the shaft. Running along the floor was a rail track which used to carry trucks-full of ore to the open. Many of the shafts were blocked by earth-falls; others led into natural caves where stalactites and stalagmites often formed one pillar from the roof to the floor.

At the end of one of the tunnels they came upon an old truck. Thinking that it would be rather fun to ride back to the entrance in

it, they gave it a hard push down the slight incline and jumped in. The weight of the truck was enough to keep it moving towards the entrance. As it rattled along the rails the boys suddenly heard a new noise, a dull, ominous rumble farther ahead, increasing to a deafening roar. They exchanged terrified glances, each too afraid to voice his own thoughts. The vibration of the truck had made the crumbling roof cave in. As the truck rounded the next corner it was halted abruptly by the solid mass of earth and rubble. The boys got out and examined the fall with their torches. As far as they could see, there was no space at all through which they might try to squeeze. They would have nothing to eat because they had left their food outside the mine. So they just decided to wait until their note was seen at home and some of the farm-hands sent to the mine to get them. But they would not know that they were trapped, so they would not have anything with which to rescue them. That meant they would have to wait still longer.

Meanwhile, in the farmhouse, everyone had got up but there was no sign of the boys in their bedroom. A search was immediately organised to see if the boys were still in the house. During the search there was a triumphant cry from one of the farm-hands. Everyone rushed to the spot where he was, and there they all saw the note which explained that they had gone to search the mine. The boys' parents were quite enraged to think that they had purposely disobeyed them after all their warnings. One of the farm-workers was sent to the mine on a good horse, to bring back the disobedient boys. When their rescuer reached the mine he called the boys, but there was no answer, so he went into the mine and after a few minutes search he came upon a fresh earthfall; again he called the boys and was this time rewarded by a hoarse shout from the other side. The worker had not expected them to be trapped and had therefore not brought anything to rescue them, so, after telling the boys what he would have to do, he retraced his steps to the entrance and then rode swiftly back to the farm-house. There, he breathlessly related what had happened, and a rescue party was hurriedly made up. Speed was essential if they were to get the boys out before they died from lack of oxygen, so they rapidly seized some picks and shovels and galloped off in the mine's direction. The distance was covered in almost no time at all. The rescuers swiftly dismounted and went to the fall where they started to work with great zeal. It took them almost half-an-hour to clear a hole which was large enough for one of them to squeeze through. The boys were helped out because they were rather faint and tired and were carried carefully back home.

Their parents were very relieved to find that they were now safe. The boys were given a hot bath and sent to bed, where, after three or four days, they had completely recovered. When they were allowed to get out of bed they were just as mischievous as ever, and, of course continued to cause anxiety to everyone.

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## REPORTS from the HOUSES

### THEOPHILUS.

*House Master* : Mr. L. C. Moses.

*Assistant Masters* : Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. A. Evans,  
Mr. R. H. Whittingham.

*House Captain* : K. Thomas. *Secretary* : J. K. Bryant.

*Rugby Captain* : B. J. David. *Soccer Captain* : R. McAdam.

*Athletics Captain* : R. J. Adams. *Cricket Captain* : B. J. David.

In certain activities Theo. has been very successful this year, winning the Aggregate Cups for both House Rugby and House Soccer Tournaments. This success arose out of an outstanding effort by all sections of the House. The Junior House won the Rugby championship, the Middle House the soccer championship and the Senior House gained second place in both soccer and rugby championships.

In athletics Theo. took top honours, winning the Minor, Junior, Senior and Aggregate Cups. Outstanding efforts were made by a number of boys, new records being set by S. J. Barrett, R. G. Hatton, R. J. Adams, in the 100 yds.(minor), 100 yds (junior) and 100 and 220 yds (Senior) respectively.

Finally, our thanks are extended to our House Masters for organising and encouraging the activities of the House during the past year.

### GAM

*House Master* : Mr. C. Giles *House Captain* : R. Owens

*Football Captain* : J. Tuthill *Rugby Captain* : J. Tuthill

*Athletics Captain* : D. J. Jones *Cricket Captain* : W. J. Griffiths

During the last twelve months Gam House has fared well in all House competitions, mainly because of its strong senior section which came first in the Senior Rugby and Senior Football and was also runner-up in the Senior Section of the School Sports. The latter was a major triumph as it is the nearest Gam have come to winning a trophy in the last six years.

In the School Eisteddfod, Gam showed that what it lacked in brawn it made up in brain. As a result of an all round effort Gam retained the Stoddart Cup for a further year. Also the House had the distinction of having in their midst the winning bard (W. J. Griffiths), the first boy to win the chair two years in succession.

Although Gam prides itself on being a house where everyone helps in its successes there are also individuals of outstanding ability. The most outstanding has been J. G. Tuthill, the first boy from the School to gain a place in a representative Welsh rugby team, playing for the Welsh S.S. under 18 XV against the Welsh Youth XV. Gwyn also obtained his County Rugby colours. Another boy who deserves praise is D. J. Jones. David received his County Rugby colours and was also chosen to represent the Brecon and Radnor S.S. Athletics

team at the National Sports. He had the further honour to be nominated as Captain of the County team. Two other boys from Gam, W. J. Griffiths and D. J. Peters, have been chosen to travel to the National Sports as members of the Brecon and Radnor S.S. Athletics team. R. A. D. Jones was also selected for the S.S. County Cricket team.

### VAUGHAN

*House Master* : Mr. J. Morgan

*Assistant Masters*: Mr. A. R. Williams, Mr. R. Morris, Dr. Ll. Williams

*House Captain* : M. Moon *Soccer Captain* : M. Moon

*Rugby Captain* : M. Moon *Athletics Captain* : M. Moon

Vaughan achieved second place in the overall placing in Rugby, through the efforts of Juniors and Middles, who were placed second and first respectively in their sections. The senior ranks of the House have dwindled, many boys having left, so that the distribution of talent in sporting activities is somewhat unbalanced. In the soccer competitions, the Middle team gained second position in their section, but Vaughan was unplaced in the overall competition.

Vaughan were not outstanding in the aggregate Athletics result, but their potential in the middle school was again demonstrated when under the leadership of I. Thrupp, Vaughan took the Middle Cup. The splendid effort made by the younger members of the House was, once again, a promising feature of Sports Day.

In the Eisteddfod, Vaughan obtained a considerable number of points in the final placings, but their hopeless deficiency of standard points destroyed all hope of success.

### SIDDONS.

*House Masters and Mistress* :

Mr. G. Angell, Mr. P. Evans, Mr. S. Foulkes, Mr. P. O. J. Rowlands.

Miss M. Richards. *House Captain* : A. S. F. Dacey

*Rugby Captain* : P. G. Powell. *Athletics Captain* : P. G. Powell

*Soccer Captain* : A. S. F. Dacey. *Cricket Captain* : A. S. F. Dacey

In the inter-House rugby competition, Siddons took 3rd place. This was disappointing compared with past performances, and due to a lack of "star" players in all sections. Two members of the senior team (A. S. F. Dacey and P. G. Powell) were members of the school team.

In soccer Siddons took 4th place, and it seems as though the House is almost devoid of soccer players, although A. S. F. Dacey and P. C. Price were members of the School team.

The highlight of the year is the School Eisteddfod. Here, Siddons repeated last year's performance in taking second place. Our traditional supremacy in the choir competition was maintained.

In the School sports, Siddons, the winning house for many years, was beaten by Theo. Many of our members were in the School team which competed in the County Sports, and three Siddons members will be in the County Team for the National Sports at Bangor. They are : P. C. Price, A. W. Poole and A. Hodges.



## THE SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD, 1962.

THE Eleventh School Eisteddfod, held in the gymnasium, was hailed by many critics as the best ever. Foremost praise for the success of this event must go to Mr. Gareth Edwards, who organised the Eisteddfod during his first year as Senior Welsh Master in the school. Mr. Edwards made the Eisteddfod entertaining as well as beneficial by ensuring variety and succinctness in the items rendered in the native and English tongue. Indeed, the Eisteddfod ended ahead of schedule, and winners in the literary sections willingly recited their little gems with scintillating fluency.

The President for the day, Councillor E. R. (Ivor) Morgan, who is the Mayor-elect of Brecon and an Old Boy of the school, said in his address that Dewi Sant would be very pleased if he could see the boys competing. He went on to congratulate the school for preserving Welsh culture through the medium of the Eisteddfod, because a nation without culture was a dead nation. He also wished the Mayor, Councillor John de Winton, a speedy recovery after his recent illness.

The chaired bard was Winstone J. Griffiths (Gam) who won the bardic chair for the second time in succession under the non-de-plume of "Bardd Cariad." Second and third were Handel Jones (Gam) and Howard Jackson (Gam) who gowned the winning bard and escorted him on to the platform.

There he was greeted with Welsh verses by the Headmaster (Mr. Aneurin Rees), Mr. Brinley Jenkins, Mr. Gwerfyl Davies, Dr. W. S. K. Thomas, Mr. Gareth Edwards, Mr. Stanley Foulkes, Mr. Len Moses, and Mr. Arwyn Evans. The Archdruid was Mr. Brinley Jenkins and the chairing song was sung with melodious gusto by Mr. John Thomas.

The Eisteddfod proceedings were conducted jointly by the Headmaster and Mr. Gareth Edwards, with immaculate control; the accompaniment was undertaken by Mr. Gwerfyl Davies; full marks also to Miss Mary Richards, and Mr. Gwyn Angell who kept score with infallible accuracy. The adjudicators were Mr. Brinley Jenkins (Recitation) and Mr. Gwerfyl Davies (Music).

Siddons won the house Choral competition for the sixth time in succession, and Gam the Stoddart Challenge Cup for the second time in succession. The President presented this cup to Robert Owens, captain of Gam and Deputy Head Boy.

The Head Boy, Tony Dacey, thanked the adjudicators together with the members of staff who had worked diligently behind the scenes for weeks before the actual day, and members of the canteen staff who had prepared tea for visitors. Final scores were:—

1. Gam	...	424
2. Siddons	...	307
3. Theo	...	270
4. Vaughan	...	238

## RESULTS.

### Junior Art :

- "Treasurer Seekers"  
1, D. Jenkins (G); 2, A. Wright (T); 3, K. Boxhall (T).  
"Storm Through Trees"  
1, M. Powell (S); 2, "Henry VIII"; 3, T. Bailey (G).  
Art Model.  
1, C. Jones (G); 2, R. S. Thomas (G); 3, D. Jenkins (G).

### Middle Art :

- "Rehearsals"  
1, R. A. Bovey (G); 2, G. T. Williams (S); 3, D. Hatton (G).  
"Old Buildings"  
1, R. Gell (G); 2, B. J. Jones (S); 3, J. B. Morgan (S).  
"Shelf in Greenhouse"  
1, M. Sims (G); 2, T. Gillard (G); 3, D. Hatton (G).

### Senior Art :

- "Eisteddfod Preliminaries"  
1, M. Davies (G).  
"Along Main Road"  
1, D. G. Evans (T); 2, T. A. Davies (S).  
"Still Life"  
1, M. C. Davies (G); 2, R. A. Bastable (G).  
"Old Age"  
1, V. Davies (V); 2, M. C. Davies (G); 3, B. A. Williams (G).  
Six Drawings:  
1, V. Davies (V); 2, D. G. Evans (T); 3, I. Ould (V).

### Geography—Junior :

- 1, R. J. Griffiths, (G); 2, C. Earp (V); 3, D. Jenkins (G) and W. Jardine (G)

### Geography—Middle :

- 1, D. P. Jones, (G); 2, R. A. Bovey (G); 3, M. Sims (G).

### Geography—Senior :

- 1, A. R. Frame (V); 2, J. G. Tuthill (G); 3, P. Moon (V).

### Woodwork—Junior :

- 1, R. Vaughan (T); 2, A. Wright (T); 3, B. D. Price (G).

### Woodwork—Middle :

- 1, D. R. Davies (S); 2, R. Fantham (T); 3, P. Watton (G).

### Woodwork—Senior :

- 1, V. Davies (V); 2, M. Rees (S); 3, N. Glassborrow (T).

### Metalwork—Junior :

- 1, M. A. Boxhall (S); 2, A. Wright (T); 3, B. S. Jones (V).

### Metalwork—Middle :

- 1, D. B. Jones (V); 2, H. Jenkins (T); 3, G. T. Lewis (V).

### Metalwork—Senior :

- 1, D. H. Jenkins (T); 2, M. Davies (G); 3, W. K. Price (V)

### Mathematics—

- 1, D. Adami (V); 2, M. A. Williams (V); 3, T. Thirgood (V).



**Pianoforte—Junior :**

1, M. A. Boxhall (S); 2, G. B. Reynolds (S); 3, R. Barrington (G).

**Pianoforte—Middle :**

1, A. R. Powell (S).

**Pianoforte—Senior :**

1, D. P. Jones (T).

**Solo—Junior :**

1, G. B. Reynolds (S); 2, W. S. Jardine (G); 3, D. Massochi (S).

**Solo—Middle :**

1, D. M. Morgan (S); 2, M. J. Jones (T).

**Solo—Senior :**

1, H. C. Lewis (G); 2, A. S. F. Dacey (S); 3, P. Powell (S), D. G. Evans (T)

**Reading—Welsh :**

1, H. C. Lewis (G); 2, H. Jones (G); 3, R. Isaac (V).

**Recitation—(Welsh) Junior :**

1, C. Moses (S); 2, D. Gwynne (S); 3, D. A. Lewis (V).

**Recitation (Welsh)—Middle :**

1, D. P. Roberts (T); 2, G. Davies (V); 3, D. N. Morgan (S).

**Recitation (Welsh)—Senior :**

1, H. Jones (G); 2, H. C. Lewis (G); 3, P. E. Brown (G).

**Recitation (English)—Junior :**

1, C. Moses (S); 2, M. Powell (S); 3, J. R. Fletcher (S).

**Recitation (English)—Middle :**

1, D. P. Roberts (T); 2, G. Williams (S); 3, P. Morris (T).

**Recitation (English)—Senior :**

1, P. E. Brown (G); 2, H. C. Lewis (G); 3, H. Jackson (G).

**Literature—Junior :****Poem :** 1, J. Davies (G); 2, R. J. Hirons (V); 3, W. S. Jardine (G).**Short Story :** 1, J. R. Fletcher (S); 2, I. D. Bingham (T); 3, R. H. Griffiths (G)**Essay :** 1, R. H. Griffiths (G); 2, D. Jenkins (G).**Play :** 1, S. T. Rogers (T); 2, G. Davies (T); 3, R. J. Hirons (V).**Literature—Middle :****Poem :** 1, G. T. Williams (S); 2, D. Gwynne (T); 3, A. Watkins (G).**Short Story :** 1, D. James (S); 2, J. Davies (G); 3, D. Gwynne (T).**Essay :** 1, P. J. Morris (T); 2, D. R. Price (S); 3, T. Lewis (V).**Play :** 1, P. Hudon (V); 2, B. Morgan (T); 3, M. Smith (S).**Literature—Senior :****Poem :** 1, H. Jones (G); 2, G. H. Jones (V); 2, R. Hausheer (S).**Short Story :** 1, P. Moon (V); 2, R. Owens (G); 3, D. G. Isaac (V).**Essay :** 1, M. Prowel (V); 2, P. Moon (V); 3, G. Jones (V).**Play :** 1, H. Jones (G); 2, J. Price (G).**Public Speaking :**

1, H. Jones (G); 2, W. J. Griffiths (G); 3, R. P. Day (T).

**Chair Poem :**

1, W. Griffiths (G); 2, Handel Jones (G); 3, Howard Jackson (G).

**Choral Recitation :**

1, Gam; 2, Theo; 3, Vaughan.

**Choral Competition :**

1, Siddons; 2, Gam; 3, Vaughan.

**RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1961-62.**

AN interesting season brought a record number of fixtures, with all teams doing quite well, despite the influence of small-pox vaccinations which decimated the ranks of the Middle School and forced several cancellations.

Once again D. J. Jones and J. G. Tuthill played for Monmouthshire and Mid-Wales and the latter went on to play for the Welsh Secondary Schools, the first pupil of the School to achieve this distinction.

A notable innovation this season has been the liaison with Christ College, Brecon. Three fixtures were played and it is likely that further games will be arranged for the coming year.

The tour to Cheshire had to be cancelled because of the small-pox scare, but we hope to re-arrange the fixture with Moseley Hall next season.

**1st XV.**

Master in charge : Mr. R. Arthur. Captain : J. G. Tuthill.

Vice-Captain : D. J. Jones.

Secretary : J. B. David.

At first glance this season's record is only moderate. It must be noted, however, that very often the team was without the superb leadership of J. G. Tuthill, who was occupied frequently with W.S.S.R.U. Trials and sometimes also of D. J. Jones for similar reasons. Most satisfaction is to be gained from the games with Maesydderwen, the second encounter with Aberdare and half of the game with Christ College!

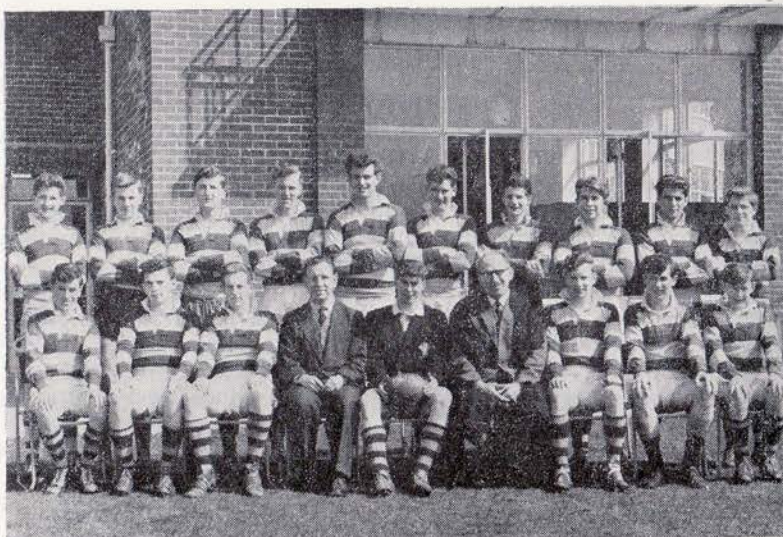
Opponents	Result	For	Against
Builth C.S. and Llandrindod G.S.	Won	5	0
Vaynor and Penderyn C.S.	Won	28	0
Maesydderwen C.S.	Drawn	6	6
K.H.G.S. Abergavenny	Won	6	3
Aberdare G.S.	Lost	0	11
Maesydderwen C.S.	Drawn	0	0
Vaynor and Penderyn C.S.	Won	15	0
Llandrindod G.S.	Won	30	0
Ebbw Vale G.S.	Won	17	3
Abersychan G.S.	Won	9	0
Llandrindod G.S.	Won	49	8
Christ College, Brecon	Lost	3	22
Ystalyfera G.S.	Lost	0	17
Barry G.S.	Lost	3	11
Old Boys	Lost	6	9
Abersychan G.S.	Drawn	0	0
Cyfarthfa G.S.	Lost	3	11
K.H.G.S. Abergavenny	Won	6	5
Ebbw Vale G.S.	Won	18	3
Aberdare G.S.	Lost	3	5
Cyfarthfa G.S.	Lost	0	12

Played 21, Won 10, Drawn 3, Lost 8. Points for 207, Against 126.

Colours : P. Havard, M. Moon, H. C. Lewis, D. J. Peters, K. Thomas, A. S. F. Dacey, T. E. Payne, R. Adams, B. Watkins.

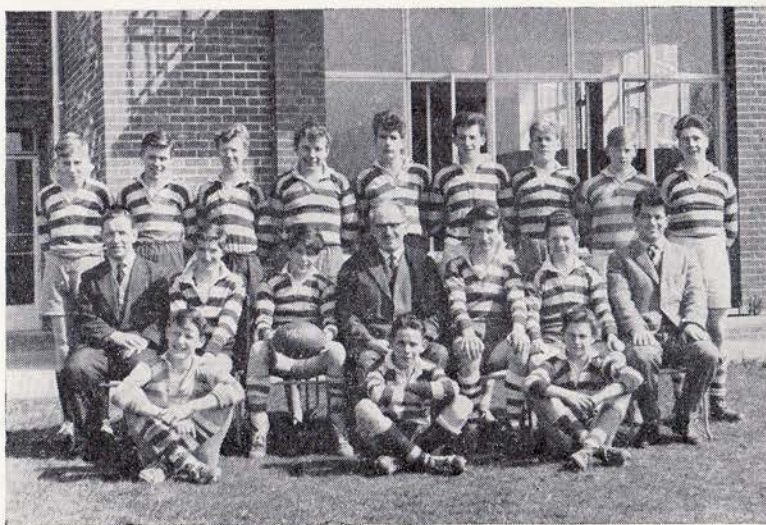
Colour Re-awards : J. Tuthill (2nd re-award), D. J. Jones (2nd re-award), R. J. Owens, P. G. Powell, J. B. David, R. McAdam.





**RUGBY TEAM, 1st XV., 1961-62.**

Back Row : V. G. Jones, T. E. Payne, C. Lewis, A. S. Dacey, M. Moon, P. S. Jones, R. McAdam, K. Thomas, R. Adams, P. J. Havard.  
Seated : A. Sneade, B. David, R. J. Owens, Mr. R. Arthur, J. G. Tuthill (capt.), Mr. A. Rees, D. J. Jones, D. J. Peters, B. Watkins. Absent : P. G. Powell.



**RUGBY TEAM, Under 15 XV. 1961-62.**

Back Row : A. Barnett, J. Parry, A. Paton, G. Powell, M. Stephens, D. Jones, G. Crocker, J. Davis, B. Williams.  
Seated : Mr. R. Arthur, D. Hatton, I. Thrupp (capt.), Mr. A. Rees, H. Beavan, P. Hudson, Mr. P. Rowlands.  
Front Row : J. Wright, B. Phillips, A. King. Absent : C. Davies, P. Mogg.

## UNDER 15 XV.

Master in charge : Mr. P. Rowlands.

Captain : I. L. Thrupp. Vice-Captain : H. W. Beavan.

The great weakness of this team was the three-quarter line. The forwards, showing great improvement on last season's form, developed into a fine unit under the leadership of Howard Beavan, who also deputised as captain when Ian Thrupp fell victim to jaundice. It was during the absence of the latter that the team sustained its only losses : the only other backs who showed real promise were Peter Hudson at scrum-half, full back Curwen Davies, and "utility" man John Parry. The others tried hard but just failed to "click."

		Result	For	Against
Vaynor and Penderyn C.S.	Home	Won	11	0
Quaker's Yard G.S.	Home	Won	6	3
Brynmawr G.S.	Home	Drawn	3	3
Ebbw Vale G.S.	Away	Lost	3	19
Llandrindod G.S.	Home	Lost	22	6
Gwernyfed S.M.S.	Home	Won	29	0
Aberdare G.S.	Home	Lost	10	19
Cyfarthfa G.S.	Home	Won	3	0
Brecon S.M.S.	Home	Drawn	14	14
Brecon S.M.S.	Home	Won	13	5

Played 10, Won 6, Drawn 2, Lost 2. Points for 114, Against 69.

Top Scorers : G. Parry, 21, I. Thrupp 20, H. Beavan 19, T. B. Williams 18.

## UNDER 14 XV.

Master in charge : Mr. P. Rowlands.

Captain : D. W. James. Vice-captain : G. Crocker.

This was potentially the best side in the school, being the only team with a back division recognised as such. On many occasions they fulfilled this potential, but sometimes there was apparent a lack of discipline. The pack was a powerful one, well led by Tim Powell, thus releasing Gilbert Crocker for destruction of the opposition ! The backs often played really attractive football and full credit must go to David James for his willingness to try anything once !

		Result	For	Against
Neath G.S.	Home	Lost	3	5
Llandrindod G.S.	Home	Won	29	0
Brecon S.M.S.	Home	Won	8	3
Builth C.S.	Away	Won	14	6
*Builth C.S.	Home	Lost	3	8
Brecon S.M.S.	Home	Won	18	0
Abergavenny G.S.	Home	Won	12	0
Ebbw Vale G.S.	Home	Won	16	6
Builth G.S. (under 15)	Away	Lost	3	6
Llandrindod G.S.	Home	Won	18	6
Llandrindod G.S.	Home	Won	26	5
Mountain Ash G.S.	Away	Lost	0	26
Quaker's Yard G.S.	Away	Won.	13	6

\*Match at 13yrs 7 months.

Played 13, Won 9, Lost 4. Points for 189, Against 61.

Top Scorers : J. R. Jones (43), D. B. Jones (39), R. Phillips (21).





**RUGBY TEAM, Under 14 XV. 1961-62.**

Back Row: P. Morris, B. Seage, B. Jones, S. Price, D. Jones, G. Williams, T. Powell, R. Jones, T. Hopkins.  
Seated: Mr. R. Arthur, I. Miles, D. James (capt.), Mr. A. Rees, G. Crocker, R. Phillips, Mr. P. Rowlands.  
Front Row: A. Millichip, K. Evans, R. Griffiths, A. Lee, Absent: P. Sussex.



**RUGBY TEAM, Under 13 XV. 1961-62.**

Back Row: J. R. Fletcher, M. E. Davies, D. G. Morris, A. H. Morgan, B. S. Jones, L. R. Bailey, B. A. Williams, A. Wright, G. B. Reynolds, M. A. Boxhall.  
Seated: Mr. R. Arthur, J. B. Morgan, W. K. Boxhall (capt.), Mr. A. Rees, M. Powell (vice-capt.), A. Hughes, Mr. D. R. Morris.  
Front: P. M. Norbury, A. Farr, G. J. Higgins, W. P. Salen.  
Absent: R. G. Hatton, B. J. Williams.

## UNDER 13 XV.

Master-in-charge: Mr. D. R. Morris.

Captain: W. K. Boxhall Vice-Captain: M. Powell.

The under 13's had quite a successful season and put up some impressive performances against strong Grammar School sides, particularly against Neath. They possessed quite a strong pack of forwards, who were extremely well led in the latter part of the season by M. Powell and they gained the edge over most opposing packs met this season. The backs were a sound, if unspectacular unit, with W. K. Boxhall proving a capable "general" and R. G. Hatton, a real "flier," the find of the season.

		Result	For	Against
Quakers Yard G.S.	Home	Lost	5	6
Neath G.S.	Home	Drawn	3	3
Brecon Sec. Mod.	Home	Won	11	3
Abersychan G.T.S.	Away	Won	8	0
Gwernyfed Sec. Mod.	Away	Won	8	0
Ystalyfera G.S.	Away	Lost	0	13
Quaker's Yard G.S.	Away	Lost	0	5
Neath G.S.	Away	Lost	3	14
Brecon S.M.	Home	Won	26	0
Llandrindod G.S.	Home	Won	18	3
Llandrindod G.S.	Home	Won	11	5

Played 11, Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 4. Points for 93, Against 52.

## UNDER 12 XV.

Master in charge: Mr. D. R. Morris. Captain: G. J. Higgins.

At the end of the season for the first time, the School fielded an "under 12" side, composed almost entirely of Form I boys. The venture was a great success and all who participated in the one fixture played thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It is hoped that in subsequent years an end of term "under 12" match (or matches) will become a regular thing.

Mountain Ash G.S.	Away	Won	5	3
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## 2nd XV and Under 16 XV.

Master in charge: Mr. R. Arthur.

Captain: V. G. Jones. Vice-Captain: B. Hicks.

Little was seen of these teams, as fixtures in these age groups are scarce. What was seen of the Second Fifteen was, however, quite encouraging, especially against Christ College. The "under 16," in their solitary appearance, were but a shadow of last season's all-conquering "under 15" side.



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## A NIGHT TO REMEMBER.

It was much too fine a night to think of going to bed at once, and so, although the witching hour of 9 p.m. had struck, Edward and I were still leaning out of the open window in our pyjamas, watching the play of the cedar-branch shadows on the moonlit lawn, and planning schemes of fresh devilry for the sunshiny morrow.

A shadow flitted across the porch and halted by the window. A trembling hand grasped my shoulder. "What was that?" came a hoarse whisper.

"I dunno," I replied, trying not to voice the uneasiness I felt.

The creaking of a window sliding up drifted upwards to us. Fear clutched me with both hands and I could hear my heart pounding loudly against my chest. We both drew back into the room and listened intently, hardly daring to breathe.

From below came the noise of furtive movements and the occasional clanging of silverware.

"A b-b-burglar!" stuttered Edward.

"Dad ought to be back soon," I consoled myself. "Listen! He's coming up."

Edward pointed to the bed, and we both scrambled madly to get under it in time. But our luck was out, for my foot caught against the bed post and I yelled with pain.

"Stupid nit!" hissed Edward, but his words were cut short as the door was flung open. In stalked a heavily-built man, complete with cosh, mask and swag bag. A brief search followed and then, finding us, he pulled us out none too gently, and we stood there trembling with fear.

"A couple of kids, eh?" he growled. "You'd better not make a noise or I'll do you a permanent injury," he added threateningly. He cast a searching eye around the room, gave an unintelligible grunt, and thrust us violently into the wardrobe, taking the precaution of locking the door and throwing away the key. His search for valuables continued for a few minutes and then he made his stealthy departure through the downstairs window.

"Now what do we do?" moaned Edward.

"Get out of here first," I snorted. "Got a knife?"

"Oh, yes," jeered Edward sarcastically, "I always carry one in my pyjamas."

"This is no time for corny jokes," I replied. "Look in the pockets of the coats in here." Edward soon produced a knife and also a torch which was very useful. I began to undo the screws which held the hinges of the door, aided greatly by the light of the torch.

After about five minutes, the screws were all undone, so we edged the door open and squeezed out, glad to be out of that stuffy atmosphere. I suddenly tripped over something and fell on my back, bringing cries of derisive laughter from Edward. The torchlight showed that it was the burglar's cosh which he had dropped while

he was dealing with us. "Perhaps he'll be back for it," commented Edward, his laughter giving way to more solemn speech.

"If he does come, we've got to catch him somehow," I said.

A few moments of silence followed and then Edward burst out, "I know—let's set a booby trap."

"Yes," I agreed, "with half-a-dozen bricks to biff him as he comes through the door." We went downstairs and out into the garden where we found a number of bricks. We carried them upstairs and balanced them precariously over the door of our bedroom. Then, while we waited for the burglar's return, we discussed the perils of the night in hushed tones.

Surely enough, we didn't have long to wait before a stealthy figure entered the house through the same window and made its ascent of the stairs. We crouched behind the door, tensed, but confident that our plan would succeed.

And succeed it did. As the door was shoved open, bricks overbalanced and crashed on to the burglar's unsuspecting head. I bounded forward and made sure that he was well and truly asleep by "clobbering" him a few times with his own cosh.

Suddenly I noticed that Edward was not by my side. I twisted round and saw Edward's limp form stretched out on the floor. I rushed to his aid, horrified, and found a growing bump on his cranium. One of the bricks had obviously fallen on his head as the trap sprang.

I ran to the tap, fetched some water in a cup, and dashed it in his face to revive him. At that moment, the front door opened and father came in. I called to him and he came upstairs and stood gaping at the two bodies on the floor. "Edward!" he exclaimed, and knelt down beside his son, while I did some rapid explaining. Edward soon came round and his first worries were for the burglar, but I was busy tying him up so his worries were groundless. After we had given Dad a full account of our night's activities, and received his welcome praise, we were put to bed with the pleasant thought of taking the burglar to the local police-station on the morrow after he had spent the night trussed up in the garden shed.

So ended a night that we would never forget.

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## SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE.

THE Annual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held in the School Gymnasium on 20th December.

Traditional Carols, both English and Welsh, were sung by the congregation, and the School Choir, under the leadership of Mr. D. G. Davies, sang some of the lesser-known carols.

The Lessons were read by J. R. Fletcher, D. G. Griffiths, R. G. McAdam, D. M. Morgan, P. I. Hudson, W. M. Prowel, M. C. Davies, A. S. F. Dacey and the Headmaster.

The Bidding Prayer was given by Mr. D. R. Morris and at the close of the service Rev. T. Richards gave the Blessing.



## ATHLETICS, 1962.

Master in charge: Mr. R. Arthur.

Captain: D. J. Jones.

### SCHOOL SPORTS.

THE School Sports were held on a fine though windy day. The standard of performance was high, with Theophilus worthy winners of all trophies but the Intermediate Cup, which was won by Vaughan. The trophies were presented by Mrs. Ivor Morgan, Mayoress of Brecon, who was introduced by Councillor R. V. Williams, Chairman of the School Governors.

#### MINORS: "The Minor Cup"—Theophilus.

**100 yards.** 1, S. Barrett (T); 2, M. E. Davies (T); 3, D. S. Williams (G).  
Time, 13.1 secs. (Record).

**220 yards.** 1, D. S. Williams; 2, H. E. Jenkins (S); 3, M. E. Davies (T).  
Time, 31.6 secs.

**High Jump.** 1, M. E. Davies (T); 2, W. Salen (V); 3, D. H. Price (G).  
Height, 3ft. 11ins.

**Long Jump.** 1, D. H. Davies (S); 2, D. S. Williams; 3, R. Boxhall (T).  
Distance, 13ft.

**Cricket Ball.** 1, D. S. Williams (G); 2, M. E. Davies (T); 3, W. Salen (V).  
Distance, 168ft. 5ins.

**Relay.** 1, Theophilus. 2, Siddons. 3, Gam.  
Time, 61.6 secs.

#### JUNIORS: "The G. Davies Cup"—Theophilus.

**100 yards.** 1, R. Hatton (T); 2, A. Hodges (S); 3, A. Wright (T).  
Time, 11.7 secs. (Record).

**220 yards.** 1, R. Hatton (T); 2, A. Wright (T); 3, B. S. Jones (V).  
Time, 29.1 secs.

**High Jump.** 1, B. S. Jones (V); 2, A. Ganciewicz (G); 3, A. Hodges (S).  
Height, 4ft. 7ins.

**Long Jump.** 1, R. Hatton (T); 2, P. Saxon (S); 3, A. Hodges (S).  
Distance 15ft.

**Weight.** 1, B. A. Williams (T); 2, A. Millichip (G); 3, A. H. Morgan (T).  
Distance 32ft. 7 ins.

**Discus.** 1, B. A. Williams (T); 2, B. J. Jones (S); 3, M. R. Jones (S).  
Distance 83ft. 2ins.

**Javelin.** 1, M. R. Jones (S); 2, B. J. Jones (S); 3, I. Miles (V).  
Distance 86ft. 9ins.

**Pole Vault.** 1, A. Hodges (S); 2, R. Herbert (V); 3, G. Crocker (T).  
Height 7ft. 10ins.

**Hurdles.** 1, A. Hughes (G); 2, P. Saxon (S); 3, D. Morris (T).  
Time 14.5 secs.

**Relay (under 15).** 1, Vaughan; 2, Theophilus; 3, Gam.  
Time, 53.5 secs.

#### INTERMEDIATE: "The E. B. Powell Cup"—Vaughan.

**100 yards.** 1, I. Thrupp (V); 2, P. Havard (T); 3, D. B. Jones (V).  
Time 10.7 secs (Record).

**220 yards.** 1, I. Thrupp (V); 2, H. Beavan (T); 3, M. Stephens (T).

**440 yards.** 1, I. Thrupp (V); 2, V. Jones (T); 3, T. B. Williams (V).  
Time, 59 secs.

**880 yards.** 1, J. Wright (T); 2, T. B. Williams (V); 3, D. Jones (S), A. Webb (S).  
Time 2mins 24.1 secs.

**High Jump.** 1, J. Davis (G); 2, P. Mogg (V); 3, D. R. Davies (S).  
Height 4ft. 10 ins.

**Long Jump.** 1, D. B. Jones (V); 2, I. Thrupp (V); 3, V. Jones (T).  
Distance 18ft. 2ins.

**Pole Vault.** 1, A. Webb (S); 2, D. R. Price (S); 3, B. L. Jones (V).  
Height 7ft.

**Hop, Step and Jump.** 1, D. B. Jones (V); 2, J. Davis (G); 3, R. Phillips (G).  
Distance 36ft 10ins.

**Weight.** 1, G. R. Powell (T); 2, H. Beavan (T); 3, G. T. Williams (S).  
37ft. 1½ins.

**Javelin.** 1, P. J. Havard (T); 2, A. Field (V); 3, J. Davis (G).  
Distance 131ft. 4ins.

**Discus.** 1, P. J. Havard (T); 2, G. R. Powell (T); 3, T. B. Gillard (G).  
Distance 106ft. 7ins.

**Hurdles.** 1, D. B. Jones (V); 2, C. J. Davies (G); 3, M. Smith (S).  
Time 19.4 secs.

#### SENIORS: "The Staff Cup"—Theophilus.

**100 yards.** 1, R. Adams (T); 2, P. C. Price (S); 3, A. W. Poole (S).  
Time 10.2 secs (Record).

**220 yards.** 1, R. Adams (T); 2, P. S. Jones (G); 3, D. J. Jones (G).  
Time 24.1 secs. (Record).

**440 yards.** 1, D. J. Jones (G); 2, P. G. Powell (S); 3, D. J. Peters (G).  
Time 56. 7 secs.

**880 yards.** 1, C. Wright (T); 2, I. Ould (V); 3, R. Isaac (V).  
Time 2mins 18.3 secs.

**Mile.** 1, C. Wright (T); 2, W. Griffiths (G); 3, I. Ould (V).  
Time 5 min. 2.4secs.

**High Jump.** 1, M. G. Davies (T); 2, D. J. Peters (G); 3, R. Day (T).  
Height 5ft. 1in.

**Long Jump.** 1, R. Adams (T); 2, A. W. Poole (S); 3, D. J. Peters (G).  
Distance 18ft. 5ins.

**Pole Vault.** 1, A. W. Poole (S); 2, G. B. Jones (S); 3, T. Payne (G).  
Height 10ft. 6ins (Record).

**Hop, Step and Jump.** 1, R. Adams (T); 2, D. J. Peters (G); 3, M. A. Williams (V).  
Distance 38ft. 5ins.

**Weight.** 1, M. Moon (V); 2, P. G. Powell (S); 3, H. C. Lewis (G).  
Distance 42ft. 10½ins. (Record)

**Discus.** 1, H. C. Lewis (G); 2, M. Moon (V); 3, M. G. Davies (T).  
Distance 107ft. (Record).

**Javelin.** 1, G. B. Jones (S); 2, J. Burgess (G); 3, A. W. Poole (S).  
Distance 122ft. 3ins.

**Hurdles.** 1, P. C. Price (S); 2, D. J. Peters (G); 3, D. Evans (T).  
Time, 18.5 secs.

**Relay.** 1, Siddons; 2, Gam; 3, Theophilus. Time, 49.8 secs.

#### Aggregate Trophy; "The L. Lewis and Dr. G. Price Cup"—Theophilus.



## BRECON AND RADNOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1962.

THE School team won all four section trophies and the aggregate award. Twelve boys were selected to represent Brecon and Radnor at the Welsh Secondary Schools A.A.A. Meeting: D. J. Jones, (capt) W. J. Griffiths, D. J. Peters, C. W. Wright, M. Moon, P. C. Price, A. W. Poole, R. Adams, B. S. Jones, G. R. Powell, J. M. J. Davis, A. Hodges.

This performance is all the more praiseworthy when account is taken of the six county records set up by the School Team and, in particular, when it is realised that in 44 of the 48 events contested the county "standard" was reached, which makes it clear that this was essentially a team victory.

In fact this is the first occasion on which one school has won all the available trophies.

### Lower Junior :

Event	Position		Event	Position	
100 yds.	1st	R. G. Hatton †	Long Jump	5th	R. G. Hatton
220 yds.	1st	R. G. Hatton †	Weight	2nd	B. A. Williams*
Cricket Ball	2nd	R. Francis*	Relay	1st	M. E. Davies, W. Woodford, S. Barret
High Jump	4th	M. E. Davies *			R. G. Hatton †

### Junior :

100 yds.	1st	D. B. Jones	Discus	1st	G. R. Powell*
220 yds.	2nd	P. J. Morris*	Javelin	1st	J. M. J. Davis*
440 yds.	3rd	H. Beavan*	Pole Vault	1st	A. Hodges*
High Jump	3rd	J. M. J. Davis*	80yds. Hurdles	4th	R. P. Phillips
Long Jump	1st	D. B. Jones †	Cricket Ball	4th	P. J. Morris*
Triple Jump	1st	D. B. Jones*	Relay	2nd	D. W. James, P. J. Morris, R. Griffiths, D. B. Jones*
Weight	1st	G. R. Powell*			

### Middle :

100 yds.	2nd	R. Adams	Discus	2nd	H. C. Lewis*
220 yds.	2nd	R. Adams*	Javelin	5th	P. Havard*
440 yds.	2nd	I. L. Thrupp*	High Jump	2nd	M. G. Davies*
880 yds.	3rd	D. R. Isaac	Long Jump	3rd	A. W. Poole*
Mile	2nd	J. Wright*	Triple Jump	2nd	R. Adams*
110 Hurdles	1st	A. W. Poole*	Pole Vault	1st	A. W. Poole †
Weight	3rd	H. C. Lewis*	Relay	1st	V. G. Jones, I. L. Thrupp, A. W. Poole R. Adams †

### Senior :

100 yds.	2nd	P. C. Price	Discus	1st	M. Moon*
220 yds.	2nd	P. C. Price *	High Jump	1st	D. J. Peters*
440 yds.	2nd	D. J. Jones*	Long Jump	1st	D. J. Peters*
880 yards	1st	W. J. Griffiths*	Triple Jump	3rd	D. J. Peters*
Mile	1st	C. W. Wright*	Pole Vault	2nd	G. B. Jones*
120 Hurdles	1st	D. J. Jones	Relay	1st	P. G. Powell, P.S. Jones, P. C. Price, D. J. Jones*
Weight	1st	M. Moon*			

\* County standard. † New Record.

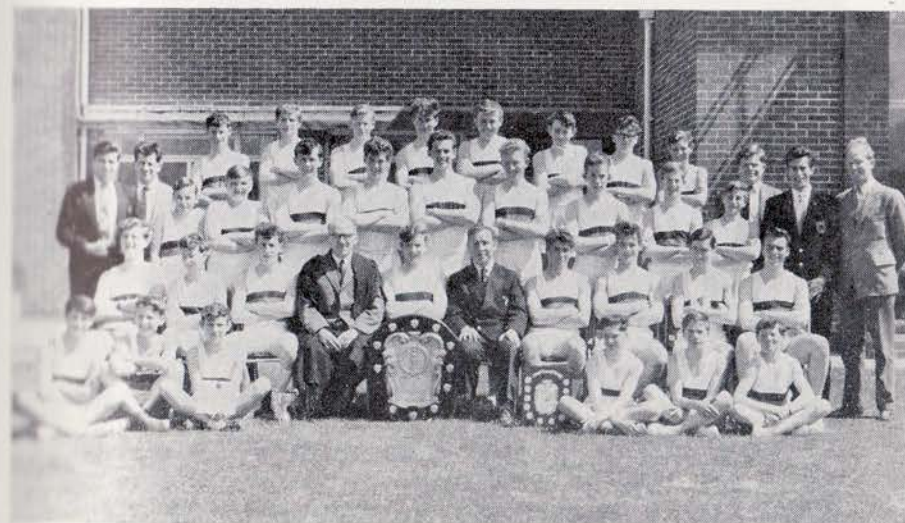
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## CANON CROWFOOT'S REVENGE.

CANON Crowfoot was a fairly small man with a long perky nose, jet black hair and a long twining moustache. He was the only Canon of the only church (the Church of England) in a small village on the south coast of Somerset. The church, as in most small villages, was the centre of life. All sales of work, jumble sales, discussions, were held in the church hall. The Canon himself saw to the upholding of the Church and also picked the cricket team. He was very popular among the villagers because he was a Canon not only on Sundays but on every day of the week. He would visit anyone ill or in trouble, and he had the great gift of being able to write poetry, short stories and plays, which were performed bi-annually by a local drama group, which was again organised by the Canon.

The villagers were proud of their peaceful, independent village,



ATHLETICS TEAM, 1962.

Back Row : Mr. D. Morris, Mr. P. O. J. Rowlands, D. R. Isaac, P. J. Havard, J. M. J. Davies, H. Beavan, G. Powell, P. Morris, G. B. Jones, A. Hodges, Mr. G. Angell.

Second Row : S. J. Barratt, B. A. Williams, D. J. Peters, P. S. Jones, M. Moon, M. G. Davies, P. C. Price, W. Griffiths, M. E. Davies, D. L. Jones, Mr. C. Whittingham.

Third Row : H. C. Lewis, R. Hatton, D. B. Jones, Mr. A. Rees, D. J. Jones, Mr. R. Arthur, R. Adams, A. W. Poole, C. Wright, P. Powell

Front Row : I. Thrupp, J. C. Wright, D. James R. Griffiths, W. Woodford, R. Francis.

Absent : V. G. Jones, R. Phillips.



not only because of its lack of crime, but because of its wonderful surroundings. Hills, valleys, winding streams and large forests are the characteristic views of this part of Somerset. Then, of course, there was the sea. A beautiful beach, with no oily fishing nets, no crowds, and no litter. Everything was practically perfect.

Only one thing marred this happy situation. A very wide trunk road was to be built and it was going to pass very near the village. This would mean that hundreds of sightseers would be coming to disturb this example of typical English country life. Although it would, of course, boost trade for shopkeepers, and the local inn, it had been decided at a meeting in the church hall that the road was not wanted and that a petition should be sent to the Minister of Transport in London. All the villagers signed it but no notice was taken of it. It was therefore decided that something more drastic must be done.

A few weeks later work begun on the road near the village. Unfriendly noises of mechanical shovels and pick axes were heard and in the evenings, the village inn was infested with dirty workmen who usually ended up drunk. The canon, being a teetotaler never had entered the bar during drinking hours but now he was often seen to enter the pub. What is more, he had often been seen wearing plain clothes instead of his canonical vestment. Nobody knew what he was up to, but that he was up to something was quite plain to anyone.

A few days later the workmen found that the petrol had been drained from their lorries, and that their spades and axes had been cut in a half. Being typical British workmen they did not bother over-much, but just sent to their headquarters for more tools and provisions. It was two days before the men went back to work. During this time, someone had been busy 'phoning up the workmen's headquarters and cancelling the order for more tools. Three days went by and still no tools. During this time the men had a chance to do a spot of sightseeing and local people had given them organised lectures on the history and the beauty of the village and its surroundings. The men actually came to church the following Sunday and had considerably cut down on their drinking.

The workmen held a meeting and decided that a better route for the new road would be through a rocky valley a few miles from the village instead of through through the beautiful valley which passed few hundred yards from the village. A fresh petition was sent to London which all the workmen signed. The road was diverted, but still the culprit who delayed the tools and sabotaged the lorries was unknown. Of course, it was the Canon. He admitted the crimes at the local assizes and was fined a few pounds which was paid by the villagers.

Everything turned out all right and the village carried on leading its normal everyday life without further mishap.

D. JAMES, IVa.

## BADMINTON REPORT.

ALTHOUGH Badminton has been played in school for several years, the 1961-62 season saw, for the first time, the emergence of a school team.

Under the captaincy of D. P. Jones, the team enjoyed quite a full season which included matches against schools as far afield as Neath and Llandrindod Grammar Schools. The fact that more matches were lost than won was to be expected considering that this was a first venture into the field of competitive badminton.

With several promising young players developing and with the experience gained this season, the future of badminton in school seems assured and it is expected that next season's results will show a marked improvement.



W. M. Prowel, D. J. Jones, D. G. Griffiths, M. Moon, A. S. F. Dacey, W. J. Griffiths  
Mr. A. Rees, J. Burgess (sec.), D. P. Jones (capt.), Mr. R. Arthur.

		For	Against
Vaynor and Penderyn G.S.	Away	8	1
Vaynor and Penderyn G.S.	Home	5	4
Merthyr County G.S.	Home	9	0
Christ College	Away	4	5
Brecon Town Club	Home	0	9
Abergavenny G.S.	Away	3	6
Neath G.S.	Away	4	5
Llandrindod G.S.	Home	3	6
Abergavenny G.S.	Home	3	6
Talgarth Club	Away	6	3
Llandrindod G.S.	Away	4	5
Old Boys	Home	6	3
West Monmouth G.S.	Home	9	0

Matches played 13. Won 6, Lost 7.



## VARSITY REPORTS.

### LOUGHBOROUGH.

I am at present working in my natural environment, away from the hum-drum of Nottingham City, at the School of Agriculture which is situated at Sutton Bonington, twelve miles south of Nottingham. The course is a general one for the first twelve months, but at the same time difficult to include among the wide and varied social activities which occur regularly. The ultimate aim is a B.Sc. in two years' time, which may not be so easy as at first hoped.

The only record of old boys here is on the Staff: Dr. Dyfed Lewis of Sennybridge, who has been here since 1958; and Tony Hepton who studied for his Honours in Horticulture here in 1954-57.

PERCY GRIFFITHS.

### CAMBRIDGE.

I am in my first year at Cambridge, reading music at Gonville and Caius College.

To explain Cambridge life is rather difficult as it is something which has to be experienced to be fully appreciated. Not that Cambridge is completely the gay, carefree, out-of-this-world existence its cracked up to be. Certainly the undergraduate here is given ample opportunity to lead a full social life, but this has to be coupled with a down-to-earth attitude to work and the inevitable business of passing exams, if the benefit of three years here is to be fully realised.

It should here be pointed out that it is the College life rather than the University life that surrounds the undergrad during his time here. The University is kind enough to supply you with lectures and lecturers, supervisions and supervisors, exams and examinees, a large number of societies and, for the really exceptional, club standard at almost any sport from Rugby to Tiddlewinks.

However, it is the College which accommodates and feeds you, which presents you with a moral tutor "in loco parentis," and which authorises same to get you out of any scrapes you may get yourself into. It is in the College that friends are made, work is done and for whose 5th XV you regularly turn out every Wednesday and Friday. It is also the College that sends you a termly bill for these pleasures.

Of the twenty male and three female Colleges, Caius is third largest numerically with 450 undergraduate souls to say nothing of an assortment of dons, research students, affiliated students and various other odd characters. The College is conveniently situated in the centre of the city surrounded by the architectural masterpieces of King's College Chapel, Clare College, Trinity College, and the Victoria Cinema; it is also considered a reasonable "climb" for those seeking illegal entrance after midnight.

Mention should be made of certain kind gentlemen called Proctors who exist in a vain attempt to thwart such crimes as the above. Each with two top-hatted assistants, known affectionately as "bulldogs," they prowl the streets of Cambridge after 8 p.m. in search of gownless undergrads and other miscreants. With a fine of six and eightpence a time, it is the general opinion that it is financially wise to wear a gown after dark.

As for my day to day existence I am to be found most mornings in or around the Music School while afternoons provide the most convenient opportunity for work. Evenings vary immensely, but that well known hostelry, the "Rose" is as good a place as any in which to find a Caius man.

Finally, though Brecon itself is certainly represented here, it would be pleasant not to be the only old Silurian at Cambridge. I would recommend sixth formers, especially Arts and Geography students, to seriously consider Cambridge when applying to Universities.

R. J. W. DAVIES.

### SWANSEA.

THE number of Old Boys at Swansea seems to remain at a steady six, though we hope to welcome to this most modern and forward-looking (£11,000,000 development) college in Britain an increasingly larger number of Brecon boys each year as it grows and expands.

The most senior amongst us this year is GERAINT JONES who, after obtaining an excellent honours degree in Chemistry last year, has gone on to do research in Chemistry. As becomes a research student, little is seen of him about College though he regularly attends the Saturday-night "hops" and takes a keen and active interest in sport.

RON SAMUEL is in his third year and hopes to take an Honours degree in History this June. This does not prevent him from taking an active part in the social and sporting life of the College. At the beginning of the session he was elected to the Students Representative Council, the College "parliament," while he occupies the position of treasurer to the History Society and is a leading light of the Socialist Society. He is now captain of the History Department soccer team which has been about the most successful in College.

In his second year, reading Honours History is MALCOLM LLOYD, who spends much of his time drinking coffee, playing cards, writing poetry and trying to avoid irate History tutors. He is the editor of the College's new Liberal magazine (the first issue of which he is still trying to live down) and is a contributor to, and director of, the Poetry Magazine: he is also keenly interested in the Contemporary Literature Society. The supreme joy of his life, however, is his membership of the College darts team.

HARLEY SIMPSON, after spending a few years at Coleg Harlech, has returned to the south and is now in the first year of a two-year Diploma course in Social Science, a very full course involving a study of economics, politics, psychology and several other subjects. Nearly



all of his spare time is given over to the organisation and propagation of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament within the college. He is also a member of the United Nations Students' Association and the Socialist Society.

JOHN SULLIVAN is reading Botany, Zoology and Chemistry in his first year. In between, he finds time for rugger, College "hops" and sundry other activities.

I am the third of this year's "freshers." With a first year course of English, History and Latin, I find relief in various society and committee activities—Church Society, United Nations Students' Association, History Society, Classical Society, Hall Committee and Social Committee—with the occasional debate, dance and so on thrown in.

It only remains for me, on behalf of the Brecon contingent here, to wish all success to the School in the coming year and especially to those sitting the W.J.E.C. exams. We all anticipate an exodus to this college on the Welsh Riviera next October.

PETER B. PHILLIPS.

#### ABERYSTWYTH.

ALUN JONES.—"Chick" is now a second year research student and assures me that he has completed his researches and I must admit that his absence from the General Library is most marked. Alun makes regular appearances at the Saturday hops and played a leading role in the Classics Society's production of "Roman Scandals." In both cases Chick appeared to enter well into the spirit of the occasion.

Mention must also be made of D. T. LEWIS (Dai Tom) and WINDSOR GRIFFITHS who are both in Aberystwyth. D. T. Lewis is working in the National Library and Windsor doing Honours in Agricultural Botany. Both make regular attendances at Debates and Hops.

COLIN LEWIS.—Colin is still keen on his campanology and is at present secretary of the College Bell Ringing Society. He assures me that he is working hard for his Honours Degree in Geography and in the Summer vacation intends joining a College expedition to Iceland as Chief Glaciologist.

IANTO LEWIS.—Ianto spends most of his time in the Law Library and is working hard for his LL.B. His day consists of Bed—Library—Bed with occasional interruptions. He does appear at College functions.

PETER GITTINS.—Pete is at present working hard in his second year Honours Maths course and consequently finds that his time for rugby and basket ball is limited. Despite frequent appearances on the field his most regular activity is dancing.

JEFF JONES.—Jeff is studying Zoology and spends most of his time isolated up on the Penglais Hill where many new blocks of college buildings are being constructed. Jeff appears to have divergent interests but takes part in many College functions.

TUDOR WATKINS.—Tudor played rugby all through the winter for Abercrave and also in the "Digs Team" in Aber, but unfortunately his leg was broken when playing for Abercrave against Aberystwyth Town. Tudor is now working hard but still finds time to visit the hops and has other ties in Aber which limit his spare time.

RAY PARRY and MIKE GITTINS.—These two diehards are both in Honours I Maths and appear to work very hard, spending much time in the College Library. Both make an occasional pilgrimage to the swimming pool and attend the Maths Society regularly and besides their academic work their interests are divergent.

R. L. GANT.—Robert is the only first year student from Brecon in Aber, where he is taking Part I History, Geography and International Politics. He supports the Geography and Inter Pol. Societies and plays basket ball for the "Hall team" and swims every Saturday morning in the College's heated swimming pool.

#### LEEDS.

A massive building programme is well under way and the bulk of the Sciences and Technology subjects have excellent new buildings here at Leeds. All the huge new Engineering blocks will be ready by October of this year. Excellent facilities exist in the fields of Electrical, Mechanical and Civil Engineering, together with the Applied Sciences of Chemical, Fuel, Gas and Ceramic Engineering. All have new buildings accommodating them now. The Arts are well catered for and a massive block is nearing completion which is devoted solely to art subjects. The Arts always did "have it good" here, though more of such buildings are scheduled. The growth of the University is fantastic. When I came here in 1958 there were 750 freshmen. Next year there will be nearly 1700.

The only thing which has not kept pace with the expansion of the faculties would appear to be accommodation. A large hall of residence capable of holding about 600 students is under construction and should be completed by 1963.

I have had quite a successful year here. I have recently passed the *pons asinorum* of the Medical course, viz., 2nd M.B., Ch.B. and can now look forward to a relatively untroubled year. I was fortunate enough to be selected for the Universities Expedition to Greece last summer.

There is plenty of opportunity for adventure in Leeds—climbing, caving, underwater clubs and so on are well attended and go far afield. Officers' Training Corps (T.A.) also does much in this line, in initiative and adventure training.

The sporting side is excellent and though we don't win many U.A.U. titles, we are usually quite high on the list.

However, the more cultural pursuits are not lagging behind. Music theatre, film and opera societies do much sterling work, and there is an Art society which fills any possible gaps. In fact, we have something of everything at this University.

R. B. WILLIAMS.



## FORESTRY.

DERRICK ELLIS is at the moment following the two years' practical course required by the Forestry Commission before entry to Forester Training School. This consists of working with a gang of men and gradually becoming adept at all the arts of afforestation.

Last Spetember he was invited to take part in an examination in Bristol. Following the successful result he attended an interview in Bristol in January and was subsequently accepted for Forester Training School for September, 1963.

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## THE RUGBY MATCH

Oh ! What a joy when the ref. blows his whistle,  
And the players come running o'er dockleaf and thistle ;  
Their shirts are all spotless, their legs bear no scratch  
As they line up to play in their first rugby match.

The ball is kicked off and the spectators shout.  
Someone finds touch and they form a line out.  
They jump for the ball but the lock knocks it on :  
They wait for the whistle—that is, all except John.

John barges his way through the motionless line :  
He picks up the ball and the ref. makes no sign.  
As he beats the full back, all the fans raise a cry ;  
Young Johnny Jackson has scored the first try.

"The ref must be blind," all the teds start to shout,  
But a copper soon hears them and gives them a clout.  
As Fred takes the kick, no-one makes any noise,  
And he makes it a goal to the shouts of the boys.

The game now restarts and the players try hard,  
But no-one quite makes it that last little yard.  
At half-time the score is still five nil to us ;  
We change round without causing any more fuss.

The second half seems much the same as the first,  
But just 'fore the whistle, young John makes a burst :  
He runs with the winger and gives him a pass ;  
The wing touches down and then slips on the the grass.

The ref. blows his whistle to end their first match ;  
No longer are bared legs without any scratch ;  
Their shirts are all muddy, though spirits are high ;  
They go back to change, for their lunch time is nigh.

PETER HUDSON, 4a.

## CARDIFF.

THERE are seven Old Boys now at University College, Cardiff, three of whom are freshers this year.

ROY PARRY is now in his fourth year doing Teachers' Training after his degree in English and French last year. He is going to France next year to gain further experience, he tells me, the arrangements for which he assures me have nothing to do with the College.

JOHN "Spud" TAYLOR is also in his fourth year, doing Honours Chemistry. Socially, he is found moving in Rugby circles in College, and he also plays regularly for the 3rd XV.

STUART PORTE, in his third year doing Honours English, is convinced he wants a change from Cardiff next year. He intends taking on an administrative job in a rubber or tea plantation in Borneo next year. He feels, however, that Malaya would suit just as well.

GERALD CURTIS, in his second year, is doing Finals in Biochemistry and Physiology this year and says he hopes to continue with Honours Biochemistry next session. As usual, Gerry is showing his prowess in the sporting sphere, both on and off the field. He played for the College 1st XI last term, but his work has prevented him from playing cricket this term.

DENNIS PARRY, JOHN POOLE and I are the three freshers this year. Dennis is doing Part I Pure Maths, Applied Maths and Physics and would prefer to do Honours Maths next year. He takes part in departmental sport and occasionally returns to Brecon at weekends to work. John is doing Part I Physics, Pure Maths and Chemistry. He points out that he gave up eating Union lunches after his first week and his push-bike further saves him money with which he conscientiously buys text books. I am doing Part I in a strange assortment of Arts subjects with which I never thought I would be faced.

Besides these Old Boys, Dai Davies is regularly to be seen in the Union eating student rate food. He is working in a Cardiff office of Accountants, and always asks about the school. We hope that some boys next year will think twice before following the flock in the mass movement to the glasshouses on the Swansea Riviera, and take a look at our College.

H. OWEN.

## QUEEN MARY COLLEGE, LONDON.

THE only Old Boys to have come to Queen Mary College, DAVID POWELL and I, are both taking a Special Degree in Mathematics. David has nearly finished his second year of this exacting Honours course. He turns out to play in true Welsh tradition for the College XV and, when studies permit, enjoys a reasonable social life.

This is my first year in Queen Mary College. Injury curtailed my sporting activities until recently, when I began to play for the college cricket team. I am now secretary to the Mathematical Society, and, like David, support most of the sophisticated and off-beat activities



in college. Like most mathematicians we can be found at lunchtime enjoying a rubber of bridge or peering closely at a solo hand.

Although the environment of our college, Stepney, is not like Park Lane or Mayfair, it is a good college of a good university; we would like to see more Old Boys coming here and taking advantage of all it has to offer.

R. M. JAMES.

#### BRISTOL.

Two Old Boys are at present in Bristol University, both studying Veterinary Science. D. G. POWELL, now in his 3rd year at Bristol, has been on an Animal Husbandry course for two terms. David's other activities seem to be a dark secret but I understand he still plays rugby regularly and still enjoys a game of squash. He takes active interest in any social event arranged by our Veterinary Students' Society, usually being a source of lively entertainment.

J. A. O. DAVIES.—In my first year at Bristol I can report that I have not been disappointed in University life. I play squash when time permits and have taken an interest in photography. Other less strenuous activities are playing snooker and studying.

#### THE BATA COLLEGE and THE NATIONAL COLLEGE OF POLYMER TECHNOLOGY.

At the moment I believe I am the first student from the Grammar School to study Rubber Technology and Rubber Boot and Shoe Manufacturing.

I am now pursuing a two year course. When I have passed the examinations for this course I can go on to a further three year course in Rubber Technology.

So far I have played for the Bata rugby football and hockey teams and for the Northern Polymeric Rugby Team.

D. K. P. STRANGWARD.

#### GRADUATE APPRENTICESHIP.

HAVING obtained my degree in Electrical Engineering at Swansea last summer, I am now engaged on what is known as a Graduate Apprenticeship with A.E.I. (Rugby) Ltd. (the initials stand for Associated Electrical Industries).

A Graduate Apprenticeship is a two year course (with A.E.I.) in which graduates acquire practical experience of engineering and industry, with which to complement the theoretical knowledge already obtained at University.

With A.E.I. this two year course is split up into periods of 3 or 4 months, each period being spent in a different department so that the experience derived from the scheme is wide and varied. These periods are not necessarily spent at the same works; indeed graduates

are sent to many different works throughout the country, e.g. at Leicester, Lincoln, Rugby, Birmingham, Manchester—to name only a few. In addition a period may be spent on outside construction on jobs like the building and commissioning of Atomic Power Stations (Berkley and Dungeness—A.E.I.—John Thompson)

At present I am working at Rugby—where I am based, incidentally, in what is rather grandly called the Semiconductor Materials Engineering Department, which exactly describes its function.

K. B. ISAAC.

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#### THE TEENAGER.

Peacock youth and peahen wench  
Twist and twirl  
In flashing hue  
With rising skirts  
And skin-tight jeans.  
The juke-box—  
Coffee stained  
And rowdy  
Feeds jive  
To their Teddy-minds.

Peacock sir and peahen madam  
Strut and stretch  
With proud, prim strides  
From club to pub  
In snobbish mode.  
Wise-infested—  
They scorn him,  
Teenager,  
Young one,  
Inexperienced lout.

Blind man gropes and puffs to church  
Through the maddened cars to pray.  
Peacock sir and peahen madam stay on perch;  
Teenager, the peacock, helps him on his way.

HANDEL JONES.

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DRAMA visits by Vith Formers and others this year have included "As You Like It" at Maesydderwen; "Romeo and Juliet (Old Vic); "Twelfth Night" (Cambrian Players); and "Y Gwr Drwg" (Swansea Dramatic Society). A number of pupils also saw "Lucky Peter's Travels" (Welsh Children's Theatre) at the Girls' School, and a party saw "A Man for all Seasons" (Art Council) at Sennybridge.



## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL, 1961-62.

Master in charge : Mr. R. Arthur.

Captain : J. Tuthill. Vice-Captain : W. J. Griffiths.

Secretary : J. Burgess.

THIS year the School 1st XI was able to obtain fixtures with only two schools : Llandrindod, whom we played four times, and Builth, whom we played twice. In all we played eight games; the other two were against the Staff and the Old Boys' teams. On the whole the season was not very successful, due mainly to the lack of experienced players in the side, and injury to the captain, J. Tuthill, early in the season. The highlight of the season was, undoubtedly, the victory over Llandrindod G.S. in the Corinthian (Rich) Cup Final. This was the first time the Cup had been put up for competition among schools.

The victory is even more remarkable when it is remembered that Llandrindod had already defeated the school team on the three occasions on which they had played during the season.

Builth	Home	Won	4—0
Llandrindod	Away	Lost	0—2
Llandrindod	Home	Lost	0—2
Builth	Home	Won	4—0
The Staff	Home	Won	1—0
Old Boys	Home	Lost	0—1
Llandrindod	Rich Field	Won	3—1

Colours : Awards—W. J. Griffiths, A. Jones, M. Moon, J. Peters, B. David, J. Burgess, R. J. Owens, I. Thrupp, R. Isaac.

Re-awards : P. C. Price, A. S. F. Dacey. Second Re-awards : J. Tuthill.

## GOLF, 1961.

Master-in-charge : Mr. C. Giles. Captain : H. G. Giles.

THIS year, the third for golf in the school, saw the greatest improvement yet in the standard of play. In the 9-hole Medal Competition held at the end of the Summer Term, the first two returned net scores of less than Bogey.

A. R. Frame	43—12—31
H. G. Giles	44—12—32

The following boys were selected to represent the school at Pontypool against West Monmouth Grammar School : H. G. Giles, A. R. Frame, D. J. Peters, D. M. Adami, J. Twining. West Monmouth, won 5—0. A return match has already been fixed at Brecon and efforts are being made to arrange other inter-school matches and a staff match.

Lastly the school members of the Golf Club would like to thank Mr. C. Giles for the keen interest which he has displayed.



**SOCCER TEAM, 1st XI. 1961-62.**

A. Jones, M. Prowel, J. Burgess, J. Peters, R. Owens, I. Thrupp, Mr. Arthur  
B. David, A. S. F. Dacey, Mr. A. Rees, J. Tuthill (capt.), W. J. Griffiths (vice-capt)  
R. Isaac, M. Moon.



**CRICKET XI. 1961.**

B. M. Watkins, W. J. Griffiths, J. Burgess, A. S. F. Dacey, R. J. W. Davies,  
J. Tuthill, G. J. Griffiths, W. M. Prowel.  
Mr. A. Rees, J. B. David, R. A. D. Jones, R. M. James (capt.) K. Strangward  
M. D. Moon, Mr. C. Giles.



## CRICKET REPORT, 1961

Master : Mr. C. Giles.

Captain : R. M. James.

THE 1961 season was very frustrating and a little disappointing. Bad weather at the beginning and at the end of the season caused three matches to be cancelled and the Old Boy's match to be abandoned.

Nevertheless the cricket played was enjoyed and the team spirit was good. We met stiff opposition from West Monmouth, Neath and Bridgend, and lost to all three. The most notable win was against Ystalyfera. That was the first time Ystalyfera had been defeated at home for some three seasons. The outstanding performance of the season was that of W. J. Griffiths, who took 8 wickets for 44 runs against Merthyr County Grammar School.

Four members of the school team played for the Breconshire S.S. XI, namely : R. M. James, B. David, A. Jones and M. D. Moon.

School Colours—

Old Colours : K. Strangward, A. Jones, R. M. James, B. David.

New Awards : J. G. Tuthill, W. I. Griffiths, M. D. Moon.

Record : Played 9, Won 3, Lost 3, Drawn 2, Abandoned 1.

13 May	v.	Aberdare.	Home.	Drawn.	Brecon 76, Aberdare 45 for 6.
19 May	v.	West Monmouth.	Away.	Lost.	Brecon 40. West Mon. 41 for 4.
3 June	v.	Merthyr County.	Home.	Won.	Merthyr 89 for 8. Brecon 91 for 3.
17 June	v.	Neath.	Home.	Lost.	Neath 116 for 3. Brecon 43.
26 June	v.	Aberdare.	Away.	Won.	Brecon 74. Aberdare 67 for 8.
1 July	v.	Ystalyfera.	Away.	Won.	Brecon 107 for 3. Ystalyfera 78 for 8.
8 July	v.	Cyfarthfa.	Home.	Drawn.	Brecon 73 for 5. Cyfarthfa 52 for 3.
10 July	v.	Bridgend.	Home.	Lost.	Bridgend 163 for 9. Brecon 109.
12 July	v.	Old Boys.	Home.	Abandoned (rain).	

### LEADING AVERAGES.

Bowling :	Name	Runs	Wickets	Average
	D. K. P. Strangward	163	13	12.5
	W. J. Griffiths	112	9	12.5
	M. D. Moon	141	11	13.1
	B. J. David	225	16	14.1
Batting :	Name	Runs	Completed innings	Average
	J. G. Tuthill	104	5	20.8
	B. J. David	114	6	19.0
	R. A. D. Jones	62	5	12.4
	M. D. Moon	61	5	12.2

## UNDER 15 XI.

Master : Mr. S. Foulkes.

Captain : A. Sneade.

The under 15 team had a slightly improved season, winning 2 games and losing 3 games. With the acquisition of nets it is hoped that some still better play will be seen next season.

27 May	v.	Maesydderwen	Home.	Won.	Brecon 89. Maesydderwen 60.
17 June	v.	Neath.	Home.	Lost.	Brecon 34. Neath 112 for 4.
1 July	v.	Merthyr County.	Home.	Won.	Merthyr County 25. Brecon 71.
8 July	v.	Cyfarthfa.	Home.	Lost.	Cyfarthfa 95. Brecon 57.
10 July	v.	Bridgend.	Home.	Lost.	Bridgend 49. Brecon 40.

## SOCIETIES.

### MUSIC SOCIETY.

Chairman: A. E. D. Jones.

Secretary : G. H. Jones.

DURING the Christmas Term the School Music Society held one meeting. This took the form of a demonstration-recital which was given by June Mills and John Maddox. Works by various composers including Handel, Dvorak, Bartok, Britten and Morgan Nicholas were played.

A second meeting of the Society was held on 2nd February when both classical and popular records were chosen and presented by Adrian Jones, Martin Moon and Tom Protheroe.

### LITERARY and DEBATING SOCIETY.

Chairman : Winstone Griffiths.

Secretary : Handel Jones.

The purpose of this Society is to make speakers less public-conscious, and this is done in a gentle way by allowing members to speak and debate in front of fellow members. Nervousness was absent from our two meetings, and everyone who took part did his job proficiently.

One criticism which must be made concerns the lack of speaking from the floor. This ad. lib. speaking is more difficult in a way than the utterance of prepared speeches from the platform, but it is essential for a successful debate, and is usually the most interesting.

The first meeting took the form of a debate held in the hushed atmosphere of the library. The motion that "The wealth of the nation lies in its culture," supported by Winstone Griffiths and Robert Owens was carried against the tough opposition of Tom Protheroe and Tony Dacey.

Another successful meeting took the form of Public Speaking. Tony Dacey, Tom Protheroe, D. Peter Jones, James Tuthill, Martyn Prowel, and Howard Parry gave three-minute talks on such diverse subjects as "The Metric System" and "The need for a Prefects' Room."

May this society flourish—and hearty thanks to the members of the staff for their seasoned advice.

### WELSH and HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Chairman : R. G. McAdam.

Secretary : K. Thomas.

The first meeting of this year was held in October, when Mr. T. C. Thomas, the well known Welsh playwright, gave an interesting and instructive account of "Writing as a Hobby."

The second meeting took place on February 9th. At very short notice Mr. Gareth Edwards stood in for Mr. Odwyn Jones of Brecon. Mr. Edwards lectured on "Welsh Settlements Abroad." a very interesting and humorous talk which was enjoyed by all.



## PENLAN Y.F.C.

*Club Leader* : Dr. Williams.      *President* : Mr. A. Rees.  
*Chairman* : J. K. Bryant      *Vice-Chairman* : P. G. Powell.  
*Secretary* : D. P. Jones.      *Treasurer* : W. K. Price.

THE 4th Annual General Meeting was held on the 2nd of November. Miss Vera Jones, the Y.F.C. County Organiser, and Mr. A. Rees, were present.

This year membership has increased to over 30 so an effort has, been made to hold monthly meetings, alternating a lecture or buisness meeting with a film show.

On the 15th November, Mr. A. W. Prowel, County Agricultural Officer, gave a talk and showed coloured slides on agriculture, with special reference to Breconshire. A vote of thanks was proposed by W. K. Price and seconded by P. G. Powell.

Films seen during the past year included "Tanker Voyage," "The Rival World," Hook Line and Sinker" and "Fawley Achievement."

On the 21st February, S. Rogers, G. Davies and H. Thomas represented the club at Brecon Y.F.C. Quiz held in the Wellington Hotel. Nine teams were competing for the Sam Morgan Cup. Penlan Y.F.C. were placed third.

On the 2nd March, J. K. Bryant, W. K. Price and C. Earp, representing the club, won the Trebinshwn Cup at the annual quiz of the Bwlch and District Y.F.C.

Two of our members, M. D. Moon and D. J. Jones passed successfully through Breconshire County Y.F.C. Rugger Trial at Penlan on Wednesday, 4th April.

Our thanks are due to Mr. J. H. Williams for organising dinner arrangements to enable us to hold meetings during the lunch hour.

COUNTY RALLY.—The County Rally this year is being held at Sheephouse, Hay-on-Wye, on the 2nd June, when club members will compete.  
J. K. Bryant VIA.

### INTER-SCHOOL DISCUSSION GROUP.

THIS year the inter-school discussion group held five meetings, three in the Autumn term and two in the Spring term.

In the Boys' School on 16th October the pattern was set for the ensuing meetings when a most successful debate was held, the motion being "That the world would be a better place if women were in power." Many interesting views were expressed from the floor and it soon became evident that the motion would be defeated, as it was, giving Martyn Prowel and Beatrice Royds victory over Janet Bartlett and Richard Adams by 34 to votes 2. The meeting was kept in good order by the chairman, Anthony Dacey.

Another successful debate was held on 6th November at the Girls' School, when the motion "That most of modern society's excesses are due to the Welfare State," supported by Tom Protheroe and Jane Leonard and opposed by Diana Williams and Anthony Dacey,

was well defeated to the tune of 28 votes to 5. This time the chair was taken by Julie Williams.

The first talk was given by Mr. Foulkes on "The boys' holiday in Germany" in the Boys' School on 27th November. Winstone Griffiths was chairman and votes of thanks were proposed and seconded by John Burgess and Pat Bufton.

The meetings for the Spring Term started with a debate in the Boys' School on 22nd January when the motion was "That Christianity not Science and Diplomacy could solve the world's problems." Under the chairmanship of Robert Owens this debate produced a keenly matched fight between Winstone Griffiths and Janet Bartlett, who proposed the motion, and Rosalind Mengell and Handel Jones.

The motion was narrowly defeated by 13 votes to 12. This debate was brought forward in place of the talk by Miss A. B. Jones on "Some aspects of Current Affairs," which was postponed until 12th February, at the Girls' School. With Elizabeth Mainwaring in the chair, Miss Jones gave an interesting talk entitled "The rise to power of China." On behalf of those present Diana Williams thanked Miss Jones and in similar terms John Burgess seconded.

So the Group's activities are concluded for another year and we offer our thanks to all those who participated. We must especially thank Mr. Foulkes whose astute leadership helped to make the five meetings the successes they were. We hope that the high standard set in these meetings will be maintained next year.

A. DACEY, VIA.

### THE GYM LESSON.

On Tuesdays and Fridays we get the call,  
To jump about and play at ball,  
Although I know this means exercise,  
This is something we do not despise.

We vault the horse, fall over the master,  
But manage to miss complete disaster.  
We're not like monkeys on the rope,  
But every time we climb with hope.

The Bunters among us roll on the mat,  
Eagerly hoping to lose their fat.  
Whilst those who are lean are full of bustle  
In the desperate hope of putting on muscle.

Fresh we go in, tired we come out,  
Without the power to raise a shout,  
But when we hear the call once more,  
We'll hurry again to roll on the floor.

J. R. FLETCHER, 2L.



## CHESS CLUB.

1961-62 saw the revival of the school Chess Club, and throughout the year the standard of chess play has improved. The game has become extremely popular, especially in the Junior School, whose members cram 1b Form room every day during the lunch hour.

This year the club was affiliated to the Welsh Secondary Schools' Chess Association, and several inter-school matches were arranged. The School team—comprising mainly the following boys: C. J. Griffiths (capt.), P. Moon, D. Gwynne, J. Twining, R. H. Griffiths, A. D. Griffiths and C. Wright—has gained some recognition in Chess circles by reaching the semi-finals of the Welsh National Schools' Chess Tournament when they were defeated by a strong Aberdare team. In the inter-school matches they have played 7, won 4, drawn 1, and lost 2.

The members of the Chess Club wish to extend their thanks to Mr. Roblin for reviving the club and for giving his advice and co-operation during the meetings. Mr. Roblin also introduced into the club a new competition, which is called a "Ladder competition." The position at the moment is C. J. Griffiths on the top rung with P. Moon and D. Gwynne second and third respectively.

School team results:—

Vaynor and Penderyn	Drawn	3—3
Tredegar (1st of W.N.S.C.T.)	Won	5—1
Merthyr County	Won	6—0
Vaynor and Penderyn	Won	6—0
St. Illtyd's College (2nd round)	Won	3½—2½
Tredegar	Lost	2—4
Aberdare (semi-final)	Lost	1—5

On Tuesday and Wednesday, 31st July and August 1st this year, the School Chess Club will act as hosts for the Glorney Cup Competition.

The Glorney Cup is a chess trophy competed for annually by under-eighteen teams from the four home countries and this year it is the turn of Wales to act as hosts.

The event has been won most frequently by England, as one might expect. There is no great chess tradition in Wales and it is only in recent years that the game has become organised. As a result the standard of play in Wales has improved immeasurably and the game has established itself in many schools.

The superiority of the English teams is gradually diminishing and last year in Scotland it looked as though the Welsh team might score its first win over the English when they appeared to have an advantage in the middle game on several boards. Greater experience might have brought victory but the match was lost by 4 games to 2. Perhaps this year Wales will conquer "Sais" at what everyone hopes will be a memorable Battle of Brecon.

Past and present pupils are cordially invited to attend as spectators.  
C. J. GRIFFITHS, VIa.

## CAREERS CONVENTION.

FOR the first time in the school's history a "careers convention" was held on 21st February in the new building.

From 5-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m. every available room was occupied by one or other of some fifty advisers. They came from all over South Wales and Herefordshire, as well as from the Brecon area, to offer professional advice to boys and parents about careers including teaching, local government, journalism, medicine and dentistry, and agriculture.

The convention was praised by all who attended it. One criticism offered was that there was no representative of any denomination of the Christian Church.

However, this venture, pioneered by the Headmaster and the County Youth Employment Officer, was a resounding success, and it is hoped that it will be established as an annual affair.

By this means boys will be helped to realise that the greatest diversity of openings belongs to the Science students, but that there is still an imperative need for students of the Arts.

HANDEL JONES, VIa.



CHESS TEAM.

Back Row: R. Griffiths, C. Wright, J. Twining, P. Moon, M. Smith  
Mr. A. Rees, A. Griffiths, V. J. Griffiths (capt.), F. Gwynne, Mr. Roblin



## CHESSE PROBLEMS.

IN Chess, no less than in any other kind of contest, he who would grasp at the rose of victory might easily find himself clutching the thorn of defeat. Marco, a famous master, might be forgiven for believing that the particular thorn he had the misfortune to find himself grasping was poisoned as well. Playing Black in the following position and believing that he was about to lose at least a Bishop he resigned. Imagine his chagrin when afterwards it was discovered that he, in fact, by one bold move could have forced his opponent to resign instead. Can you find the move?

—	—	—	—	—	—	—	k
—	b	—	r	—	—	p	—
p	—	—	—	—	—	—	P
—	p	—	—	q	Kt	—	—
—	—	—	b	P	—	—	—
—	—	—	Q	—	—	—	—
P	—	—	—	—	—	P	P
—	B	—	R	—	—	—	K

Black—small letters      White—Capitals.

Marshall, a famous American player, made no mistake when playing Black in the following position, for although his position appears extremely thorny with both Queen and Rook attacked, he found a brilliant move which, not only forced his opponent's immediate resignation, but ensured that he, unlike poor old Marco, gained fame for the right reason. It is said that spectators, delighted by this fine move, showered Marshall with coins. You can have the pleasure of emulating his feat by finding his move.

—	—	—	—	—	r	k	—
p	p	—	—	—	—	p	P
—	—	—	—	p	—	—	—
—	—	R	—	—	—	Q	—
—	—	—	kn	—	—	—	—
—	—	q	—	—	—	—	r
P	—	P	—	—	P	P	P
—	—	—	—	—	R	K	—

A painting entitled "Imaginary Powerful Engines," by B. S. Jones, 2G., was among the best 100 paintings in the under 13 section of the *Western Mail's* St. David's Day Competition. Since 1st March it has appeared in exhibitions at Cardiff, Swansea, Newport, Wrexham and Bangor.

## WORDS.

*A Comedy in One Act by Handel Jones, VIa Arts.*

### SCENE :

A typical broadcasting studio. The walls are bare, but the producer may wish to place a glass panel, through which one may see a person wearing ear-phones in the control room, opposite the table in the middle of the stage. The only other piece of furniture needed will be a chair. A hanging microphone, or one placed on the table, should also be provided. TIME : The present.

### CHARACTERS :

WYN JONES : An Announcer.  
EVAN REES : News Editor.  
SIAN HUWS : A typist.

*Wyn Jones, a comparatively young man, is seated at the table reading the details of forthcoming programmes when the curtain rises. He has a clear voice and pronunciation, as is expected of a radio announcer.*

WYN JONES : . . . This will be a repeated broadcast of the programme first heard in the Light Programme last Thursday. That is all from Wales for the moment ; the General News will follow after the time signal for 6 o'clock.  
(*He switches off the microphone and starts to whistle as he glances through some sheets of paper. He stops suddenly and thumps the table.*)

W.J. : The idiot ! Three Cocks he calls it, when Aberllynfi with its Cymric salve rings forth more melodiously than any cock on a Sunday morning. The cheek of it ! Evan Rees, News Editor, or no Evan Rees, News Editor, I'm going to say Aberllynfi !  
(*As he speaks, Evan Rees, the News Editor, a middle aged man, enters stage left.*)

EVAN REES : Evan Rees, News Editor, says that you are going to say "Three Cocks." And that's final.

W.J. : But there's charm which would cleave the most petrified heart in "Aberllynfi."

E.R. : I don't care whether people's hearts are petrified or whether they are wooden hearts. My job is to see that they understand the news. They haven't heard of Aberllynfi, but they should know when you say "Three Cocks, Breconshire."

W.J. : Their minds will not be lucidified any more by "Three Cocks" than by "Aberllynfi."

E.R. : THREE COCKS is on the map, but "ABERLLYNFI" is not.

E.R. : But I can't see anybody consulting a cartographer's masterpiece to find out where a woman saw a dog carrying a dead adder.

E.R. : It clearly states in Law 38a that only official names are to be used in news bulletins.

W.J. : That is rule 37c, but however rigid the rule I will either read "Aberllynfi" or read no news at all.

E.R. : For the last time, are you going to read "Aberllynfi?"

W.J. : For the penultimate time—NO, and for the last time—NO.

E.R. : Very well. You had better leave and Huw Price will do it.

W.J. : Hugh Price is recording a concert at Swansea. And for further information, Nia is in bed with 'flu. For still more information, the final word rests with Abel Morris.

E.R. : O.K., I will call Abel Morris. But I'm sure that, as a reliable chief announcer, he will obey the rules like me.



W.J. : There is little time left before the News is on the air. And if you want to consult Abel Morris you will have to go to Aberystwyth.

E.R. : Then I will read the News myself.

W.J. : (*camly, but in a mocking tone*) Rule 25a states that news bulletins may only be read by certified announcers. You are merely responsible for the compiling of News, and have nothing whatever to do with the reading of it.

E.R. : O.K. But you can't deny that I am responsible for the contents.

W.J. : You are responsible for the contents, and I am responsible for what I read. If a complaint is lodged against the use of Aberllynfi I will take the blame for it. Proof that you used "Three Cocks" will be in this sheet here.

(*Sian Huws, a young and attractive secretary, enters stage left with a sheet of paper.*)

SIAN HUWS : News item to be checked, sir.

E.R. : (*taking the sheet*) Thank you, Sian.

W.J. : The problem is solved now. We may eradicate the banal Aberllynfi story and replace it by the new one.

E.R. : We may scrap the story over which we have been arguing, and we may include this one instead.

W.J. : Exquisite news

E.R. : But it does not solve our little problem.

(*He hands W.J. the sheet of paper.*)

W.J. : (*Reading it*) "Mrs. Mary Smith of Llangollen who was walking through Three Cocks this morning saw a dog carrying a dead adder. Denbigh police were called to the scene, but failed to see the dog.

However, a live adder was spotted by P.C. Edmund Davies, and before he had time to kill it he was stung in the leg. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, and to-night his condition is stated to be satisfactory."

But this is nonsensical. Denbigh police would not be called to Three Cocks. . . .

E.R. : And what would a woman from Llangollen be doing in Three Cocks ?

W.J. : Quite.

E.R. : I'm glad that we agree on one point, however. Sian, who sent you this report ?

S.H. : Tom Rowlands. He sent it from Bangor, and Gwyneth took it down. I typed it out.

E.R. : Are you sure that you typed it out correctly ?

S.H. : Positive, sir.

E.R. : Wait a minute. Did you say Tom sent it from Bangor ?

S.H. : Yes, sir. About three minutes ago it was.

W.J. : Then it is impossible for the place to be Aberllynfi.

E.R. : Yes, of course. And impossible for it to be Three Cocks.

W.J. : Then perhaps it could be possible that we may scrap both ?

E.R. : We will find out the proper facts even if we have only seconds to spare. Sian, get through to Bangor and ask Tom to repeat his report, and take it down yourself this time.

S.H. : Very well, sir.

(*as she leaves.*)

E.R. : And don't be long about it. Now, then, Wyn, are you going to say Three Cocks ?

W.J. : (*angrily*) No ! No ! No !

E.R. : And to blazes with the News then.

W.J. : The news will not leave these sheets as far I as am concerned. And I don't care if I get sacked as a result of it all.

E.R. : I would rejoice to see the disappearance of a big-headed, narrow-minded Welshman.

W.J. : I'm no more narrow-minded in calling the place Aberllynfi than you are in calling it "Three Cocks." And what adds to the comparison is that you are also a Welshman, although unworthy to be a member of a cultured nation.

E.R. : Oh, dry up.

W.J. : I will, because I am only wasting my voice. I will waste one more string of words, however, and I will by so doing call you a horrible slob.

E.R. : You do not understand me . . . .

(*Sian Huws enters stage left with sheets of paper in her hand.*)

S.H. : I've had the report, sir, and it now makes sense. The word was "hemlocks"—and not "Three Cocks."

E.R. : Thank goodness for that. Will you read the News now ?

W.J. : I will, but if Three Cocks comes up in future I will still read it as "Aberllynfi."

S.H. : Oh ! I nearly forgot. There is another short news item that has just come in.

E.R. : Forget about that ; we'll include it tomorrow night.

S.H. : But we can't. It is important.

(*She hands the paper to Evan Rees who glances at it, and he rocks himself with laughter.*)

W.J. : Perhaps you could explain this enigmatic outburst ?

E.R. : Of course dear chap. Here, read this.

(*He hands him the paper.*)

W.J. : (*Reading*) "In a meeting held at Brecon this afternoon it was agreed that Three Cocks should be officially named "Aberllynfi." Good old Aberllynfi

E.R. : Yes, indeed.

W.J. : Do you agree with it ?

(*A voice from the control room says : "Be ready. 20 seconds to red."*)

E.R. : Of course I do. I was only acting in an official capacity when I put down "Three Cocks." Well, I'd better go now before the "mike" becomes alive. Coming, Sian ?

S.H. : Yes, sir.

E.R. : Don't call me "sir." Call me Evan.

(*They exit stage left.*)

(*Wyn Jones places himself ready to read the News. After a brief silence the red light appears, and he starts to read.*)

W.J. : This is the Welsh Home Service. News of Wales. And first of all to-night an item of vital importance which has just reached us. In a meeting held at Brecon this afternoon . . . .  
*As the curtain falls.*

ADDITIONAL NOTES.—The voice from the control-room may be seen in the person of the headphoned figure mentioned on Page one, or it may be spoken invisibly by the prompter, etc.

The red light is not compulsory, but a better effect would be created by its presence.



## THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE.

THE Remembrance Service was held this year on Friday, 10th Nov. The staff and pupils were joined by a number of Old Boys of the School in remembering those past pupils who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

Present on the occasion were the Mayor of Brecon (Councillor John de Winton) and other prominent townspeople.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Phillips. The poem was read by Mr. W. H. Williams, the tribute by A. Dacey, and the roll of honour for the 1st World War was read by Mr. L. S. Davies, chairman of the Old Boys' Committee; Mr. A. R. Williams, Secretary of the Old Boys' Association read the roll of honour for the Second World War.

After this wreaths were laid by D. P. Jones (Via) and C. M. Lee, on behalf of the school and by Alderman F. M. Thomas, deputising for Mr. Oscar Owen, on behalf of the Old Boys' Association. The service ended with the Blessing, pronounced by the Rev. Phillips.

## MORTON MINOR'S MIRACLE.

THIS is the strange story of a rather unintelligent boy, Morton Minor, who attends Caterwick boarding school in the county of Southumberland. At this time of the year the eisteddfod was being held. It may seem strange to have an eisteddfod in England but the first headmaster of the school, Dr. "Dai" Davies, was a Welshman who brought the idea into Southumberland. The tradition was carried on after his death and is an annual feature in the *Caterwick Echo*.

The story begins when Morton Minor submitted his entries for the eisteddfod. Morton fervently believed that he would win all the contests, but, as he had entered for the past three years and failed to win, he was ridiculed by all his friends.

To make the marking fair, each entrant used a *nom-de-plume* on his entry so that there would be no favouritism. Morton's method of finding a *nom-de-plume* was to stick a pin in a map of the world and to use the name the pin rested on. This time it rested on an Asian country, Chunglung. Unknown to Morton, another boy, Prince Yayoolaf, who came from Chinchuria, chose this *nom-de-plume* too. He chose it because his favourite uncle ruled there. Prince Yahoolaf was a very clever boy and won most of the competitions every year. This year he was making a special effort as he was leaving at the end of term.

On the day of the eisteddfod the winning *noms-de-plume* were called out. Every *nom-de-plume* was Chunglung. At the end of the eisteddfod the Dr. "Dai" Davies Cup was presented by the headmaster of Dr. Davies' old school, Llandefera. As the cup was being presented, Mr. Smith, Morton's form master woke up after an illegal

forty winks. When he saw Morton being presented with the cup he looked at Morton, looked at the cup, looked at Morton again, and passed out.

How Morton won the cup is known only by one person. I am that one. The day before the eisteddfod Prince Yahoolaf was called away to Chinchuria where his father had died and he did not have time to retrieve his entries. It may seem strange but there was only one set of entries marked Chunglung—Prince Yahoolaf's. The competitors had to hand their entries in an envelope. On the day Morton gave in his entries he had two envelopes, one addressed to his Aunt Jane, the other with the entries in. As you can guess, not being a very bright boy he put Aunt Jane's letter in the envelope for the entries and posted the entries to Aunt Jane. She sent a reply about the letter being rather strange but that got lost in the post. I heard that the adjudicators thought that the letter to Aunt Jane was a practical joke and said no more about it. The headmaster of Dr. "Dai" Davies' old school took the entries back with him so no one could compare the handwriting. I learnt this piece by piece and after I put it in its right order I realized what had happened. I never told anyone. You see, I am Morton Major.

To this day Morton Minor believes that he won the Dr. "Dai" Davies cup and it will go down in school history as Morton Minor's Miracle.

R. J. FLETCHER, 2L

## MACHINE-MADE MUSIC.

Surrounded by a motley group of youth  
The garrulous jukebox bruised the air with an indiscriminate  
savagery.

To these it was a joy, to passers-by cacophony.  
The machine made music of the emotions.

A little farther down the street  
The strains of an operatic aria puzzled my ear.  
Shortly in a lighted lounge I saw a contented face contemplating  
a record player.  
The machine made music of the intellect.

In the double dark a blind man probed his way at the kerb,  
And as he ventured out into the road he heard the engine of a car  
And its piercing hoot.  
In the city this unmelodramatic tune was the light of his "seeing" car.  
To him the sweet, machine made music of life.

The tunes played by the different radio wavelengths  
Lingered with the heavy city smells.  
Chopin and Bach, Presley and Peers,  
All swayed gently on the cadence of the city breeze  
As man's machine made music serenaded this busy little world.

WINSTONE GRIFFITHS.



## A WELSH PILGRIMAGE.

DURING the Easter holidays, we journeyed to North Wales to visit localities closely related with the authors whose works we are studying for the Advanced Level Examination next year.

We made our way through desolate surroundings to Llanbryn-mair, seeing the Dovey valley countryside which inspired Iorwerth Peate's poems, then past Cadair Idris and the beautiful Mawddach estuary to Harlech castle, for a fine view of the Llyn Peninsula from its turrets. From there to Caernarvon, Bangor, and finally Llandudno.

Early on the Sunday we set out to visit Betws-yn-Rhos, the home of the celebrated poet T. Gwynn Jones, afterwards to Llansannan, the village of William Salesbury, the translator of the Bible; Tudur Aled and Gruffudd Hiraethog, two of the best aristocratic poets. Travelling through the Vales of the Clwyd and the Dee, we finally arrived at Bala, with its statue filled streets where Daniel Owen was once a student. Bala Lake glistened in the sunlight as we passed, with its shores an odd mixture of greenery and idle yachts. We passed through slateshadowed Blaenau Ffestiniog and Betws-y-Coed, the haunt of many a traveller, with its majestic Swallow Falls and overhanging pine clad crags, down the Conway Valley, seeing Gwydir Castle and its peacocks, the home of Sir John Wynn.

The third day we visited Bangor University, with its libraries and enormous halls, Menai Bridge and Beaumaris Castle. We afterwards made for Snowdonia with its craggy mountains and glaciated valleys, passing close to Snowdon itself on our descent through Llanberis Pass, past lakes, the mountain railway terminus, slate quarries and fearless rock climbers. As we were passing the home of Mr. John Gwilym Jones, the well-known playwright, we paid him a visit and spent two fleeting hours in his company. From there to the church of Llanddeiniolen, with its yew trees, immortalised in the poetry of W. J. Gruffydd.

In conclusion, we would like to thank our charming hosts, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Rees, for their enthusiastic support.

H. C. LEWIS, D. R. ISSAC, Lower VI Arts.

## VALE

WE offer congratulations and best wishes to Mr. R. Arthur on his leaving the School to take up an appointment as Assistant Adviser in Physical Education at Aberystwyth. Those who have been aware of Mr. Arthur's wide and varied activities within the School and the district may be interested to know that these have been in addition to his work as Mid-Wales Representative on the Executive Committee of the Welsh Secondary Schools Rugby Union; as Examiner for the Royal Life Saving Society; as a Member of the County A.A.A. Committee; as Manager of the Brecon and Radnor A.A.A. Team at the Welsh Games; as Chief Judge (Pole Vault) for the Welsh Secondary Schools Championship; as A.A.A. Coach for throwing events; as a member of the Great Britain team at the Lingiad, Sweden, (1949); and as a Member of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.

## Brecon and Radnor Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships, 1962.

THIS year's cross country championships were run over the Christ College cross country course on Friday, 23rd February. The school teams came 3rd in both the Junior and Senior sections. Of the seniors W. J. Griffiths and I. D. Ould qualified to run for Breconshire and Radnorshire S.S. in the National S.S. Cross Country championships. Of the Juniors, John Wright, who was placed 3rd, represented the Junior team at Newtown on 8th March. In the senior event Brecon and Radnor came 6th and in the junior event they were also placed 6th.

## BRECONSHIRE EDUCATION COMMITTEE. ANNUAL PLAYWRITING COMPETITION.

This competition is open to anyone who resides in, or was born in the County of Breconshire.

**Junior Section:** Open to all those who have had their 15th birthday but not their 18th birthday by 31st December, 1962.

Prizes: (a) English: First Prize £1: Second Prize: Certificate of Merit.  
(b) Welsh: First Prize, £1. Second Prize: Certificate of Merit.

**Children's Section:**—Open to all those who have not had their 15th birthday by 31st December, 1962.

Prizes: (a) English: First Prize, £1. Second Prize, Certificate of Merit.  
(b) Welsh: First Prize, £1. Second Prize, Certificate of Merit.

Closing date for entries: 31st October, 1962.

Further particulars form Mr. Brinley Jenkins, County Drama Organiser, or Mr. A. R. Williams.

WE offer congratulations to: Robert Griffiths (IVa) for having twice had a picture exhibited on B.B.C. Television's "Sketch Club"; to John Griffiths (VIa) on qualifying as a F.A. referee; to Alan Frame on becoming a Queen's Scout; to D. R. Isaac and H. C. Lewis for gaining first place at the Urdd National Eisteddfod for a Welsh Phrase-Book; to Michael Powell (II.L) for a First Prize in art at the same eisteddfod, and to M. C. Davies (VIa) for a second prize.

Congratulations also to: R. A. Bastable (VIa) on the award of an A.E.I. University Maintenance Scholarship; to J. K. Bryant on being accepted by A.E.I. for a Dip.Tech. course; and to J. L. Burgess on being accepted for a Dip.Tech. course by Bristol Aircraft.



## SECOND CHANCE

LOOKING back on my year at Coleg Harlech, I can do little better in outlining its purpose than to use the words of Mr. Henry Gethin Lewis, the donor of the original college building. He said it would be the aim of Harlech:

"to enlarge the vision of its students, to develop their latent capabilities for leadership and to stimulate their mental and spiritual growth."

Since the foundation in 1927 of what has been described in some respects as this "second chance college," nearly 20,000 people have taken advantage of Coleg Harlech in one way or another. My own impression is that despite what a contemporary sociologist terms "the rise of the meritocracy", the college can more than ever proudly reiterate its original purpose.

In some ways I cannot claim to be a typical student of Harlech, having had the benefit of a grammar school education, but I did enter the college through one of the normal channels. A certain disappointment with things in the Civil Service and, as I reflect now, an astonishing concern in current affairs had led me to look beyond the bounds of office life to the weekend classes held by the Workers' Educational Association throughout South Wales who ultimately put me in touch with Coleg Harlech.

The first significant feature that occurred to me about Harlech was the college motto "Avo Penn Bid Pont." This, at least, was in keeping with my school days at Cradoc Road. The college was in fact unique in Wales, its sister college being Ruskin College, Oxford, and two slightly different colleges elsewhere—Hillcroft (for women) at Surrey and Fircroft (for men) at Birmingham, both run on Quaker lines. The term opened with a small mixed community of people who had suddenly earned the title of 'students'. Among us were people who had previously been cooks and clerks, policemen or photographers, seamen and steelworkers, teachers or tailors, lorry drivers and local government officers and so on through endless occupations. To make the community even more complex, we came from all over England and Wales, from the African states and from France, Germany, Iraq, Mauritius and Sweden.

Being away from the towns and cities our community looked inwards and made its own life. Conditions for study could hardly have been more perfect and the beach, sea and mountains provided us with all our opportunities for sport and outdoor life. Conversation, debate and discussion ruled the days and nights in the ordinary life of the college and those who were not in the common room or library could usually be found in one of the society meetings. These ranged from a debating society to a drama and a music club, a Socialist Society and a very strong Nuclear Disarmament Group. A group of students gained experience of youth work by running the local youth club and

the Social Science Society arranged talks and made visits of observation to hospitals clinics, factories . . . quarries and so on. Students took turns with the gardening, in helping the kitchen staff, in attending to their own common room fire and in organising their own tea breaks and student canteen. This aspect of life at Harlech was regarded as quite as important as the academic side. Dances, "hops" and concerts were also a regular feature of the social life of Coleg Harlech.

Our academic life followed in some ways that of any University, although vastly more use was made of seminars and group tutorials so that students could bring out their own difficulties and 'points of interest' from lectures quite informally. Out of over a dozen subjects described as "eminently suitable for study by a mature mind" each student was required to study two at a primary stage and two on a subsidiary level (in my own case these were Economics and Economic

## MIWSIG PEIRIANNOL.

Carcharwyd yr Awen ar lethrau Parnasws  
Gan jas moduraidd yr heol fawr,  
A cherddorfa'r ffatri front.  
Gyrrwyd yr Awen o Walia Wen  
Gan fflwt y myglyd drên,  
A dwbl-bâs y tractor di-fanars.

Daw miwsig pop ar drydan wib  
O gitar y bechgyn swanc,  
A chrafa'r nodwydd fiwsig twist  
Fel iâr undonnog heb ei chyw.  
Ond diolch am uchelfan yr Awen fwyn  
I ddianc rhag dwndwr ein dyddiau gwyllt.

HANDEL JONES.

History with Psychology and Art). The academic life of the whole college was frequently supported and kept in touch with affairs generally by regular visits from outside speakers. All helped to shape a firm knowledge of the world at large.

Probably one of the most surprising features of Coleg Harlech is that it issues no "paper qualification". It must remain a personal view as to whether this is a drawback to the status of the college, since it is no simple matter to frame an examination which will test a "liberal education". Students may choose to return to their jobs or to go on to supposedly "greater things." Some become union officials or officials for political parties. Others may choose to go on to University and it is worthwhile recording that out of 162 Coleg Harlech



students who have entered the Universities for a degree course only 8 have failed to obtain a degree. There are a number of students who will attempt the Advanced Level G.C.E. examinations. As to these "men of Harlech," to name just a few: Ald. Tudor Watkins, M.P., Sir Ben Bowen Thomas, M.A. (Secretary to the Welsh Dept. of the Ministry of Education), Mr. W. Arnold, M.A. (Secretary of United Nations Association in Wales), Mr. E. Wickham, B.A. (H.M. Inspector of Factories) are included.

This, then, is a brief resume of life in an adult education college as I reflect now from the so-called lofty heights of a provincial University. Much has been omitted which could have helped readers to gain a clearer view of life in the college itself but it is hoped that a general impression at least can be gained.

I recall as happy exchanges the times I spent with my overseas friends; with the party of young Germans at one of the Summer Schools and the occasion when we were host to a large party of Soviet students. There are now over 100 students at the college and a new wing is planned. On my one brief return to Harlech earlier this year I found both social and academic life as active as ever. In a society of affluence and a world of changing values, the demand for more experiments in living such as the community of what might truly be termed "world students" at Harlech becomes all the more important. Here at last is something of the true nature of education.

H. A. SIMPSON.

Social Science Dept., University College, Swansea.

### THE ASCENT OF EVEREST.

For years and years this giant mountain stood  
Between the lands of Nepal and Tibet.  
Unknown to man beyond the oceans wide,  
It towered lonely sinister and still,  
Until one day a young and noble band  
Of brave explorers toiled across the plains,  
Determined then those icy slopes to scale.  
Onward they strove through sickness, stress and pain  
Although the hazards fought to drive them back.  
And then at last their snow-capped goal appeared,  
Cold and cruel against the morning sky;  
The Union Jack was planted on the peak  
And all the world praised these heroic men.

DAVID PROSSER ROBERTS, 3L.

### OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

THE twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in the Cafe Royal, Brecon, on Friday, 6th April, 1962, with the retiring President, Mr. Oscar Owen, in the chair. For the second year in succession a quorum of members was not present and it was agreed to suspend standing orders so that the meeting might proceed to business.

The following officers were elected: President: Councillor David Lewis, M.B.E.; Vice-President: Mr. E. I. Rowlands; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. A. R. Williams; Hon. Assistant Secretary: Mr. Gerald Phillips; Honorary Auditor: Mr. E. I. Rowlands.

The following members were elected to the Committee for the year 1962-63:— Mr. J. A. Miles (for Talgarth); Mr. T. G. Powell (for Sennybridge); Mr. T. King (for Crickhowell); Mr. W. B.



*This year's President: Coun. David Lewis, M.B.E.*

Hargest (for Hay); Mr. W. Ifor Jones, J.P.; Coun. G. W. Davies, J.P., Mr. G. Poole, Mr. J. Jones, Mr. T. G. Winstone, Mr. G. Clayton, Mr. W. J. J. Morris, Coun. M. J. Jenkins, Mr. C. Palmer, Mr. E. B. Powell, M.B.E., Ald. F. M. Thomas, Mr. L. R. Williams, Coun. E. R. Morgan.

At the first meeting of the Committee Coun. M. Jenkins was elected Chairman for the current year and Mr. G. Clayton, Vice-Chairman.



At the end of the year the total membership had risen to 295 but renewals of subscriptions from the 150 present Annual Members are coming in very slowly. It is hoped that all Old Boys who read this report will assist in urging friends and acquaintances to renew their subscriptions as soon as possible.

The Annual Dinner for 1962 was held at Bishops Meadow restaurant and was much better attended this year. A very representative gathering of Old Boys, with Coun. David Lewis in the Chair, enjoyed amusing reminiscences from the chief guest, Alderman William Evans, retiring Chairman of Glamorgan County Council. Other guests this year were His Worship the Mayor of Brecon (Coun. John John de Winton), Mr. Prosser Roberts, the Head Boy (A. S. F. Dacey) and the Deputy Head Boy (Robert Owens).

At the School's annual Service of Remembrance, Ald. F. M. Thomas deputised for the President in laying the Association's wreath, prayers being conducted by the Rev. H. J. Phillips.

The Old Boys won both Rugby and Association football matches against the School but the annual cricket match had to be abandoned after the Old Boys had made an excellent start to their innings.

During the year the Association was reluctantly obliged to accept the resignation of Mr. D. G. A. Smith as Assistant Secretary and his place has been taken by Mr. Gerald Phillips. The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. Smith for his many years of cheerful help and interest in the Association's business affairs.

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### PERSONAL.

#### ENGAGEMENTS :

- Mr. John Rowberry of Brecon and Miss Janice Peevers of Talybont.
- Mr. John Brown of Sennybridge and Miss Barbara Rees of Scethrog.
- Mr. Lewis Davies, of Troedyrarn and Miss Rosmary Whittall of Velinfach.
- Mr. Ronald George Young of Sennybridge and Miss Eileen Smith of Llyswen.
- Mr. Andrew Thomas of Cray and Miss Mary Penar Jones of Brecon.

#### MARRIAGES :

- Mr. Ronald Tucker and Miss Margaret Morgan.
- Mr. Mark Waters and Miss Patricia Margaret Davies.
- Mr. Parry Richards and Miss Hilda Poole.
- Mr. G. L. Powell and Miss Gwenllian Havard.
- Mr. Brian George of Talgarth and Miss Gaynor Parry of Llanfilo.
- Mr. B. Like and Miss Janet Clatworthy.
- Mr. Godfrey Scott of Brecon and Miss Audrey Davies of Llandefalle.
- Mr. Leslie Bevan of Brecon and Miss Olive D. Bell of Dagenham.
- Mr. Peter Dew of Brecon and Miss Gwyneth Williams of Cray.
- Mr. Ivor Williams of Cray and Miss Ann Harrington, Birmingham.
- Mr. Barry Wyke of Smethwick (lately of Talgarth) and Miss E. A. M. Benson of Smethwick.

Mr. Robert Pritchard of Hay and Miss Patricia Hargest of Glasbury.  
Mr. Ieuan Pritchard of Upper Chapel and Miss Gwyneth Powell of Talybont.

Mr. Glyn Jones of Cray and Miss Mair Davies of Cray.

#### BIRTHS :

- To Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, a daughter, Dorothy Mary, 28th August, 1961.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Val Morris, a daughter, Kathryn, 2nd April, 1961.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Phillips a daughter, Susan Jayne, 25th February, 1962.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Angell, a son, Richard Stephen, 10th April, 1962.
- To Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Williams, a son, David Matthew, 7th April, 1962.
- To Dr. and Mrs. W. S. K. Thomas, a daughter, Julia Anne, 8th June, 1962.

#### OBITUARY :

- Mr. Lewis Lewis, B.A., of Brecon.
- Mr. A. B. Fensome, of Brecon.
- Mr. Bertram Jones, of Swansea.
- Councillor Stanley E. Jenkins, of Brecon.

#### CONGRATULATIONS :

- Pilot Officer A. R. Tuthill of Cwmdu on receiving his commission in the technical branch of the R.A.F.
- Mr. Ken Jones, clerical assistant in the County Library, on passing Group C of the Library Association's Registration Examination.
- Mr. Jacob Morgan on winning the P. P. Williams Bowls (Singles) Cup, 1961.
- Mr. Cecil Walters Llanfrynach, on his appointment as Chairman of I.C.I. (Pakistan).
- Det. Sgt. L. H. Jones on his promotion to the rank of Inspector.
- Mr. R. A. Denny of Bryn de Winton on qualifying as Junior Technician in the R.A.F. and at the same time passing in Part 1 of the City and Guilds course in Aeronautical Engineering.
- Mr. W. E. P. Price, LL.B., of Lower Cwmclyn, Libanus, on passing the Final examination of the Law Society.
- Mr. John Price of Church House, Defynnog, on his promotion to Acting Sub-Lieutenant, R.N., on passing out of R.N. College, Dartmouth.
- Mr. Leslie Williams of Abercynrig on his election as Chairman of the Brecon and Radnor Branch of the N.F.U.
- Police Cadet Barry Hicks on becoming a Queens' Scout and attaining the silver standard of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
- Mr. Roger F. Williams of Crickhowell on completing the Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Chartered Auctioneers and Estate Agents.



Mr. T. Lindsay Powell of Talybont-on-Usk on his appointment as Assistant Lecturer in Animal Husbandry at University College, Aberystwyth.

Mr. Michael Peters of the "Express and Echo", Portsmouth, judged the best journalist day-release student at Exeter Technical College. John Taylor, Sennybridge, 1st Class Honours, Chemistry.

Alun Jones, admitted to the degree of M.A. at Aberystwyth.

### OLD BOYS RUGBY, 1962.

A "Silurian VII" once again played in the Brecon Seven-a-side Tournament on Easter Monday. It was unfortunate that the luck of the draw decreed that they should encounter the Old Breconian side which reached the final. It was, however, a defeat without dishonour, and we shall see some very good football from this group of enthusiastic Old Boys in the future. Team: J. S. Sullivan (capt.) T. Tuthill, M. Gittins, P. Gittins, G. Curtis, T. Thomas, G. Jones.

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